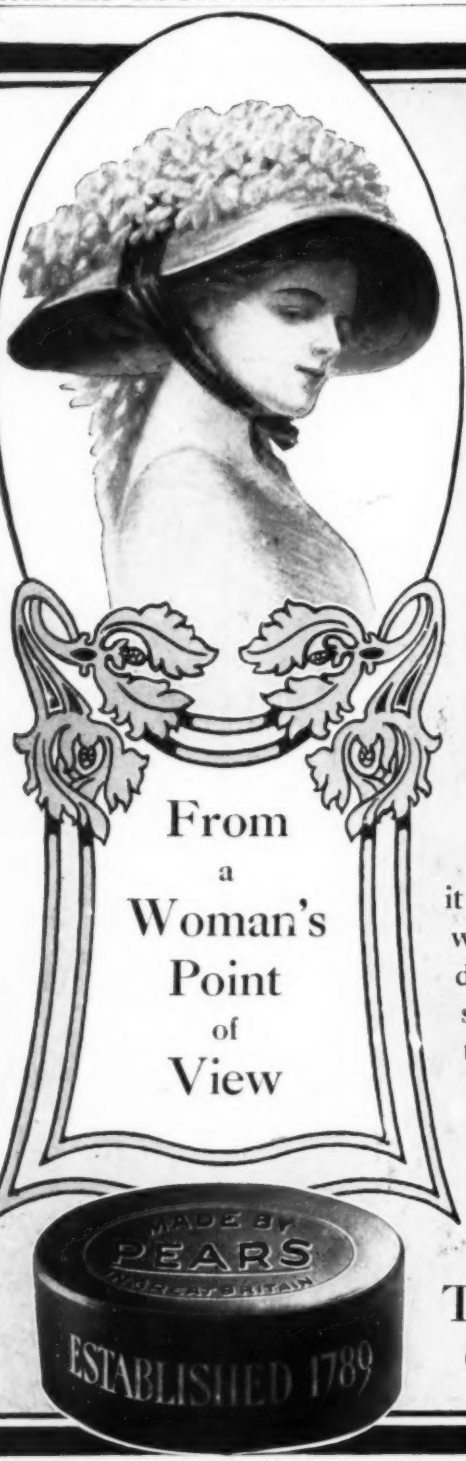
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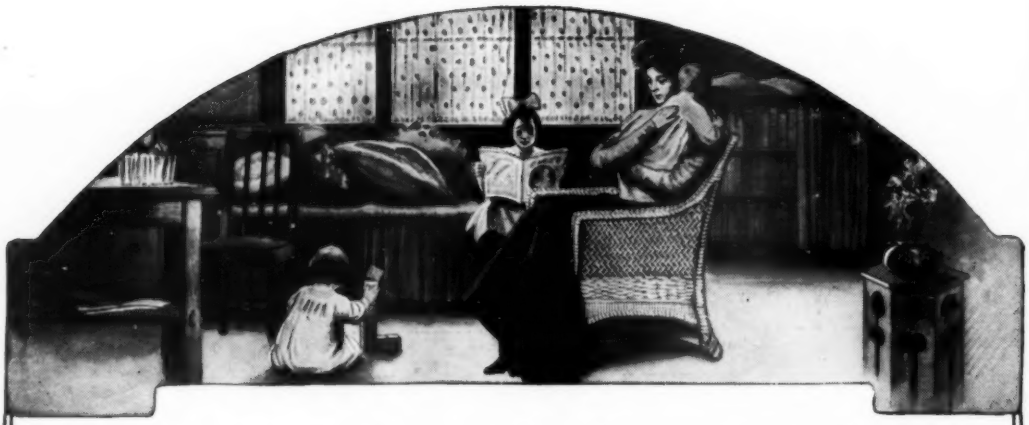
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SVENSON

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SVENSON had come home. Still dressed in the gray uniform of the Tahoochee School, he stood on the platform of the tiny station around which lay corrals and cattle-chutes, a water-tank, and the desert.

The other one passenger who left the train, which already was proceeding, held her hand out, saying: "Well, good-bye, Mr. Svenson, I see my uncle is here. We'll meet again, sometime, I hope."

Svenson awkwardly shook hands, replying:

"Good-bye, I think I see you sometime, mebbe so. My father is here."

The white girl looked in the direction Svenson indicated, and smiled; but her smile disappeared as she glanced once again at the young Indian. A minute later she had driven away down the narrow road that stretched like a brown ribbon into the desert, in company with her uncle, the Reverend Mr. Holdway, the missionary.

Walking, with feet wide apart on legs bowed from constant riding, an old man slowly came to Svenson. His face of scorched parchment was drawn into a wrinkled smile of welcome. Long wisps of coarse hair, slightly grayed, escaped from the yellow head-band wound tightly about his skull. Around his neck and his lean arms were ornaments and bracelets of silver, carved with hieroglyphics, and studded with lumps of turquoise. His blanket was crimson, tarnished with dust, and stained with grease.

Svenson had come, after an absence of six years spent at the white man's school, home to his own people, the Navajo; home to Shush-um-pa, the medicine man, his father.

Standing before his son, the old man gravely looked him over, his eyes traveling from the shiny new suit-case, with its initial

letters placed carefully to the front, to the gray school cap on the dark hair cut short after the manner of the white. A smile of approval displaced Shush-um-pa's momentary gravity; his gnarled brown hand was thrust forward in the gesture of greeting.

Svenson felt just the slightest impulse of hesitancy; then he took his father's hand firmly in his own.

"My father!" he said; "I am ver' glad to see you now!"

The old man looked puzzled, yet content. Turning from the station, without another word, he led the way to the encampment in the shadow of the water-tank, where, with his family, he had for several days been awaiting his son. Amid the white-covered wagons, a tiny fire was burning on the ground, over which crouched a wrinkled squaw, baking on a hot stone little cakes of blue cornmeal and pounded meat. Shush-um-pa indicated her with the peculiar pointing of pursed lips known of his people, and said something in Navajo.

Svenson, his birth-tongue half-forgotten, gathered that the woman was his mother; but how she had changed! The squaw made no sign; now and then she glanced sideways at her son. A barefooted young squaw proved to be his sister. A purblind, white haired old man arose and tottered forward, and, lifting his eyelids with shaky fingers, peered into his grandson's face; after which he muttered and mumbled and childishly played with the brass buttons on the uniform tunic. Children of many ages, almost innocent of clothes, peeped at him from behind the wagons, or popped into the sage brush like rabbits when he approached. Strapped upright in a papoose-cradle, a brown-faced baby, his sister's man-child, slept peacefully against a soap-box. Blankets, saddles, harness, food, and camp-litter were scattered about.

With a pealing yell, a lad, well-nigh naked, mounted on a many colored Pinto pony, charged down out of the desert, driving before him a dozen shaggy horses which had been grazing round about. At the last possible moment he swung forward of the racing horses and headed them away with a flourishing blanket; whereupon, swiftly dismounting, he shrouded himself in the blanket until only his dancing eyes were visible.

Svenson came forward with outstretched hand, and his younger brother threw aside his covering and his dignity and greeted Svenson with a shrill whoop; then, as his eyes fell upon the suit-case, he said:

"Fine box! Very good to put corn in maybe!"

Svenson made no reply; but he took an opportunity to put his suit-case into a wagon, where he carefully covered it.

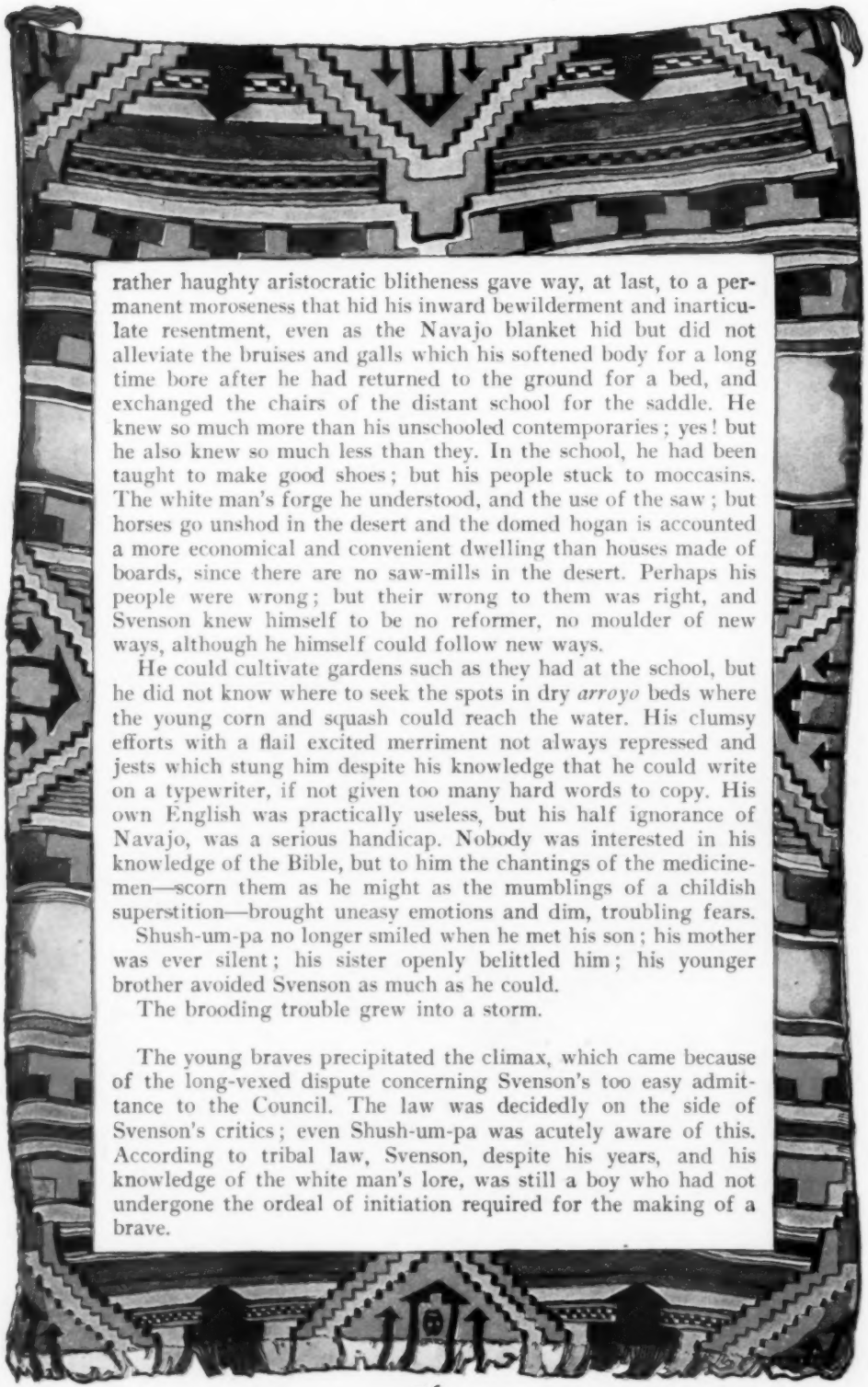
That night he tried to sleep on the ground, which was very hard and unyielding; the star-shine and the late moonlight disturbed him sorely, and the crazy laughter of the coyotes out in the desert was abominable. Yet, too, there came to him a curious emotion of satisfaction—moving beneath all the discomforts and irritations like the smooth current of a stream under the chafings and eddies on its surface—an emotion that, at last, near dawn, soothed him into sleep.

In the morning, Shush-um-pa gave the word to break camp; the family began the hundred mile journey back to the Two Gray Hills, the point on the reservation from whence it came, where it dwelt amid its kindred, in their "hogans"—those rude, round structures of cedar poles which are covered with adobe until they take on the appearance of giant ant-hills.

His absence of six years he bridged, as it were, with his education at a single stride. Svenson assumed a place among his people such as six years spent among them could not possibly have given him—unless Svenson had turned out to be an exceptional man, tried and proved by exceptional circumstances. He occupied an honored place in the Council, more because he knew the lore of the white man and was a far traveler, than because he was the son of the medicine man, Shush-um-pa. The maidens regarded him at once timidly and encouragingly. Old men approvingly listened to him when he spoke.

But the young men, Svenson's contemporaries, rebelled. After the glamor of his bestowed and not achieved greatness had been weakened by time (that test-acid of all men and all things), they were not content only when Svenson held forth in the Council, where tribal and lodge disputes and affairs of general concern were threshed out; but with the skepticism and irreverence of youth, they began to question Svenson's dictums, to pick flaws in his wisdom. In short, they began to talk back.

Svenson was at first made angry when the criticism arose; he fought hard for his place, but in his own heart he was divided against himself; he therefore did not fight well. His own heart sided too many times with the most relentless of his critics. His



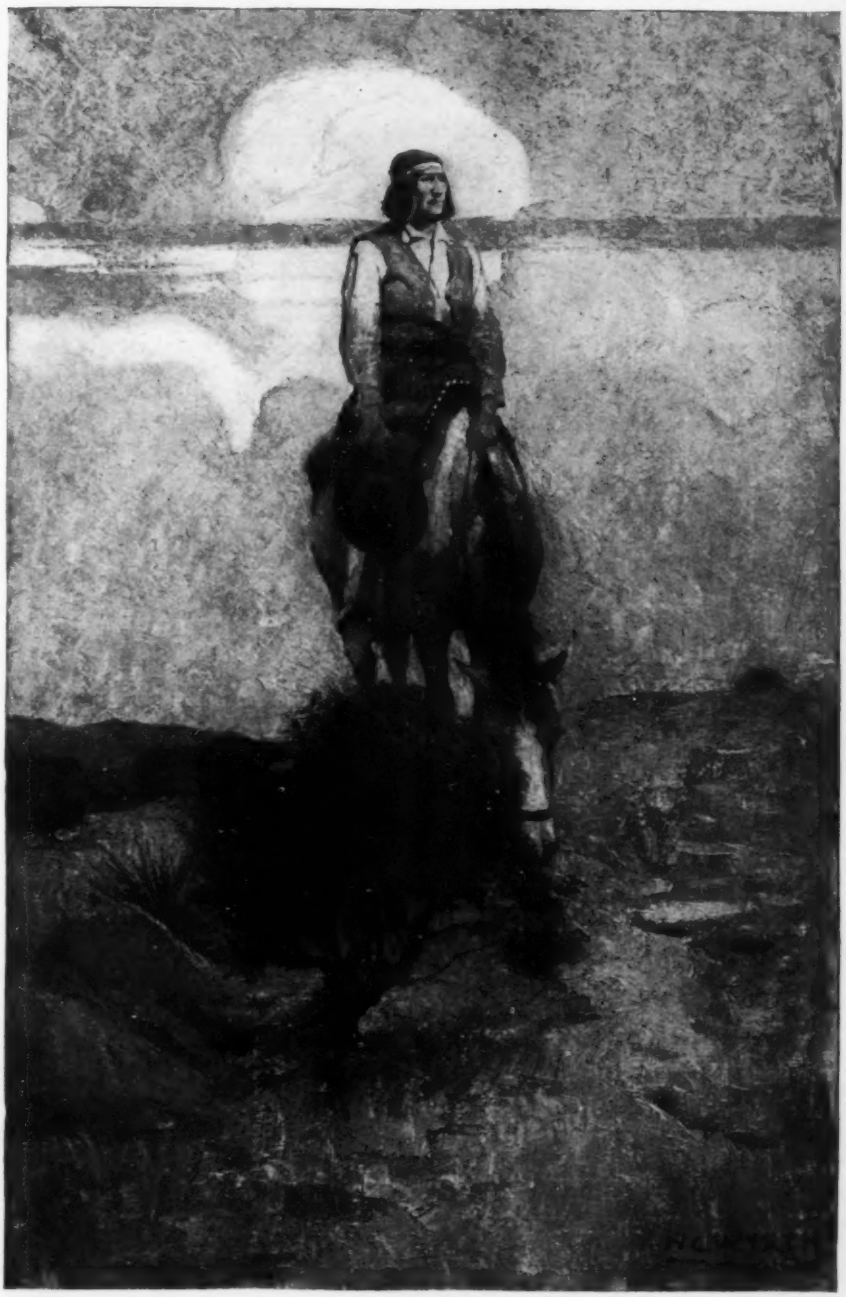
rather haughty aristocratic blitheness gave way, at last, to a permanent moroseness that hid his inward bewilderment and inarticulate resentment, even as the Navajo blanket hid but did not alleviate the bruises and galls which his softened body for a long time bore after he had returned to the ground for a bed, and exchanged the chairs of the distant school for the saddle. He knew so much more than his unschooled contemporaries; yes! but he also knew so much less than they. In the school, he had been taught to make good shoes; but his people stuck to moccasins. The white man's forge he understood, and the use of the saw; but horses go unshod in the desert and the domed hogan is accounted a more economical and convenient dwelling than houses made of boards, since there are no saw-mills in the desert. Perhaps his people were wrong; but their wrong to them was right, and Svenson knew himself to be no reformer, no moulder of new ways, although he himself could follow new ways.

He could cultivate gardens such as they had at the school, but he did not know where to seek the spots in dry *arroyo* beds where the young corn and squash could reach the water. His clumsy efforts with a flail excited merriment not always repressed and jests which stung him despite his knowledge that he could write on a typewriter, if not given too many hard words to copy. His own English was practically useless, but his half ignorance of Navajo, was a serious handicap. Nobody was interested in his knowledge of the Bible, but to him the chantings of the medicine-men—scorn them as he might as the mumblings of a childish superstition—brought uneasy emotions and dim, troubling fears.

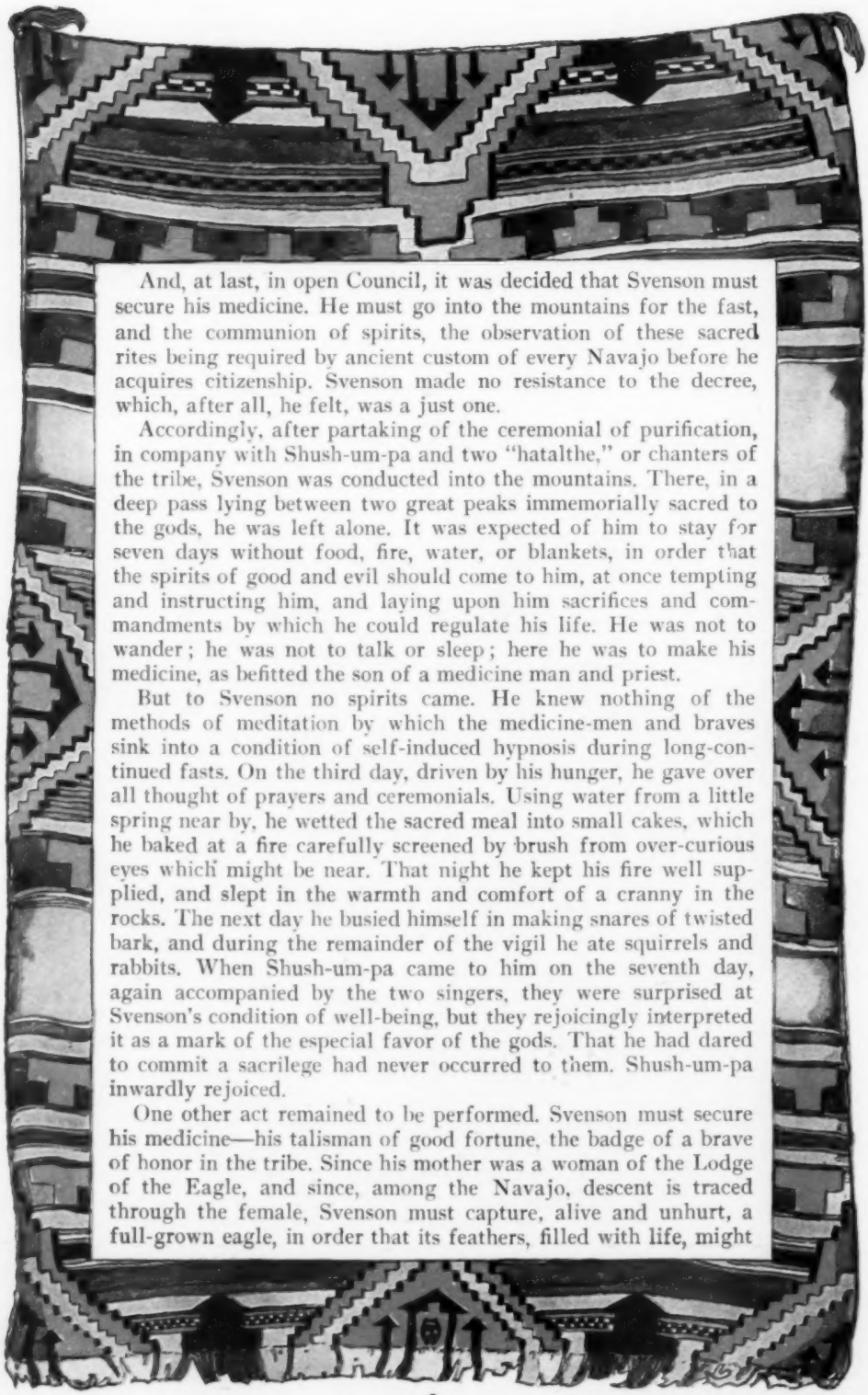
Shush-um-pa no longer smiled when he met his son; his mother was ever silent; his sister openly belittled him; his younger brother avoided Svenson as much as he could.

The brooding trouble grew into a storm.

The young braves precipitated the climax, which came because of the long-vexed dispute concerning Svenson's too easy admittance to the Council. The law was decidedly on the side of Svenson's critics; even Shush-um-pa was acutely aware of this. According to tribal law, Svenson, despite his years, and his knowledge of the white man's lore, was still a boy who had not undergone the ordeal of initiation required for the making of a brave.



He rode away, following a dim trail among the sage



And, at last, in open Council, it was decided that Svenson must secure his medicine. He must go into the mountains for the fast, and the communion of spirits, the observation of these sacred rites being required by ancient custom of every Navajo before he acquires citizenship. Svenson made no resistance to the decree, which, after all, he felt, was a just one.

Accordingly, after partaking of the ceremonial of purification, in company with Shush-um-pa and two "hatalthe," or chanters of the tribe, Svenson was conducted into the mountains. There, in a deep pass lying between two great peaks immemorially sacred to the gods, he was left alone. It was expected of him to stay for seven days without food, fire, water, or blankets, in order that the spirits of good and evil should come to him, at once tempting and instructing him, and laying upon him sacrifices and commandments by which he could regulate his life. He was not to wander; he was not to talk or sleep; here he was to make his medicine, as befitted the son of a medicine man and priest.

But to Svenson no spirits came. He knew nothing of the methods of meditation by which the medicine-men and braves sink into a condition of self-induced hypnosis during long-continued fasts. On the third day, driven by his hunger, he gave over all thought of prayers and ceremonials. Using water from a little spring near by, he wetted the sacred meal into small cakes, which he baked at a fire carefully screened by brush from over-curious eyes which might be near. That night he kept his fire well supplied, and slept in the warmth and comfort of a cranny in the rocks. The next day he busied himself in making snares of twisted bark, and during the remainder of the vigil he ate squirrels and rabbits. When Shush-um-pa came to him on the seventh day, again accompanied by the two singers, they were surprised at Svenson's condition of well-being, but they rejoicingly interpreted it as a mark of the especial favor of the gods. That he had dared to commit a sacrilege had never occurred to them. Shush-um-pa inwardly rejoiced.

One other act remained to be performed. Svenson must secure his medicine—his talisman of good fortune, the badge of a brave of honor in the tribe. Since his mother was a woman of the Lodge of the Eagle, and since, among the Navajo, descent is traced through the female, Svenson must capture, alive and unhurt, a full-grown eagle, in order that its feathers, filled with life, might

be used for the decoration of his pouch of medicine, and that he might take unto himself the eagle's qualities.

To this end, a pit was dug on a mesa peak, large enough to contain a crouching man. Over its top was arranged a covering of light withes, with a hole in the center through which to push an arm. The withes were covered with a thin layer of earth made smooth and planted with weeds and grasses until it took on the appearance of the surrounding ground. Into the pit crawled Svenson—a human trap—with a live rabbit tied over the hole in the covering of the pit.

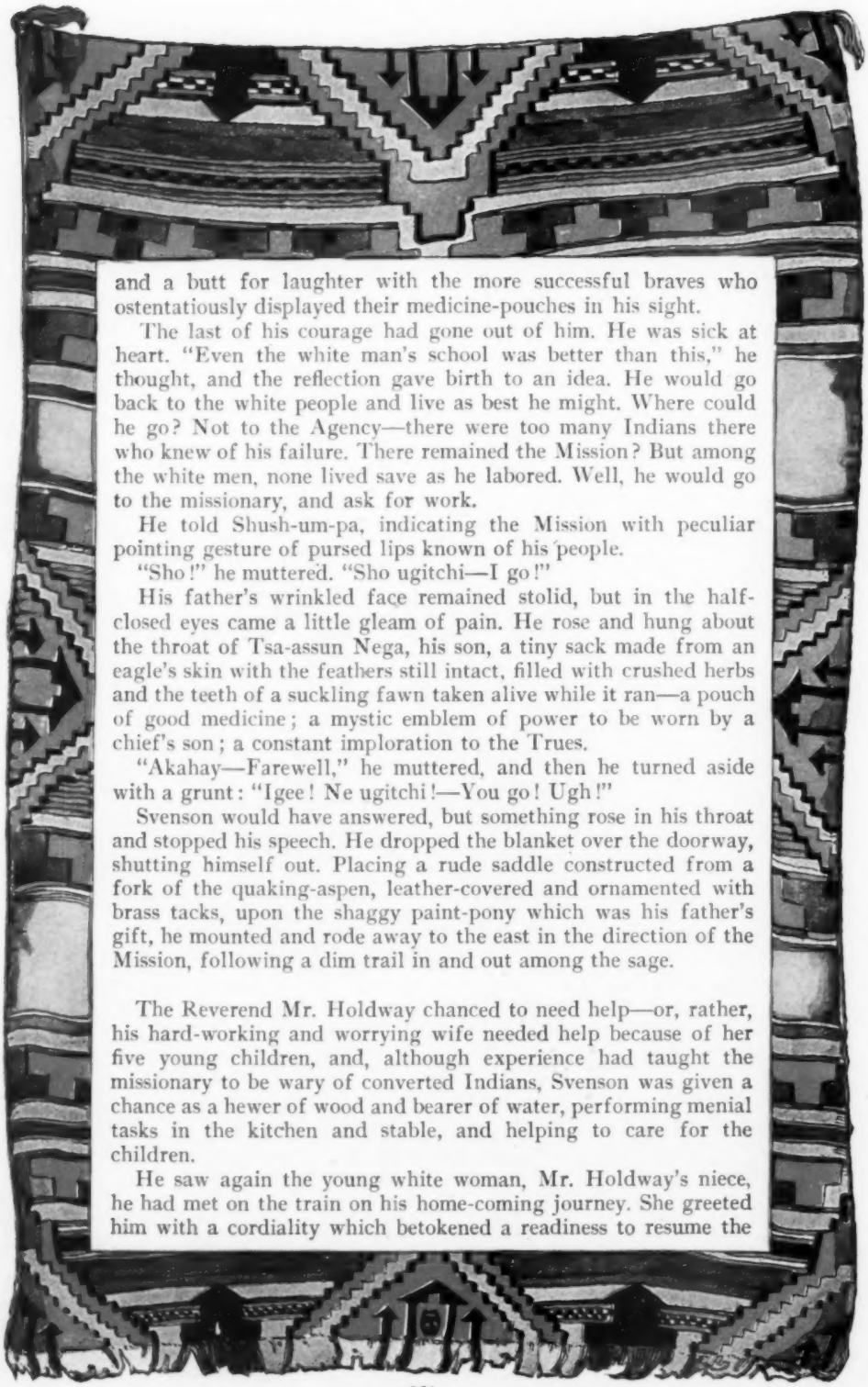
For several days he crouched there, coming out only at night. Frequently he was forced to protect his living bait from marauding hawks and coyotes. Almost a week had passed when, near the close of a still, hot afternoon, as Svenson sat cramped and dozing in the narrow pit, falling straight down out of the blue void, came his eagle.

The bird grasped the squealing rabbit in his talons, but the string held fast and he could not at once soar again without forsaking his prey.

Aroused by the beating of the powerful wings, Svenson peered upward just as the slender withes parted asunder. The hand that should have been thrust quickly through the hole when the eagle struck, was unready, and withes, rabbit, eagle, and sodden earth, were precipitated into the pit, almost covering Svenson. He grasped one leg only of the struggling bird. The next moment, his arm was laid open in a scarlet gash from elbow to wrist by a sweep from the free talons, and he was enveloped in a whirlwind of pounding wings which cut and bruised like nail-studded clubs. The heavy beak made angry sorties at his eyes; the talons which he could not grasp, tore at his arms and breast. Blinded, half-stunned and bleeding, Svenson relaxed his hold on the eagle's leg. With a final lunge of the powerful beak, cutting a long wound in the man's scalp, the eagle sprang hurtling into the air, carrying in its beak a wisp of black hair as a trophy of its victory. In a moment, circling swiftly upward, it was a mere speck in the sky.

Covered with blood, and half-conscious, Svenson returned to his father's hogan, broken and defeated. He had tried to make the medicine of a chief's son—and he had failed!

For a short time, until his wounds were healed, he lingered around the camp, an object of pitying glances from the women



and a butt for laughter with the more successful braves who ostentatiously displayed their medicine-pouches in his sight.

The last of his courage had gone out of him. He was sick at heart. "Even the white man's school was better than this," he thought, and the reflection gave birth to an idea. He would go back to the white people and live as best he might. Where could he go? Not to the Agency—there were too many Indians there who knew of his failure. There remained the Mission? But among the white men, none lived save as he labored. Well, he would go to the missionary, and ask for work.

He told Shush-um-pa, indicating the Mission with peculiar pointing gesture of pursed lips known of his people.

"Sho!" he muttered. "Sho ugitchi—I go!"

His father's wrinkled face remained stolid, but in the half-closed eyes came a little gleam of pain. He rose and hung about the throat of Tsa-assun Nega, his son, a tiny sack made from an eagle's skin with the feathers still intact, filled with crushed herbs and the teeth of a suckling fawn taken alive while it ran—a pouch of good medicine; a mystic emblem of power to be worn by a chief's son; a constant imploration to the Trues.

"Akahay—Farewell," he muttered, and then he turned aside with a grunt: "Igee! Ne ugitchi!—You go! Ugh!"

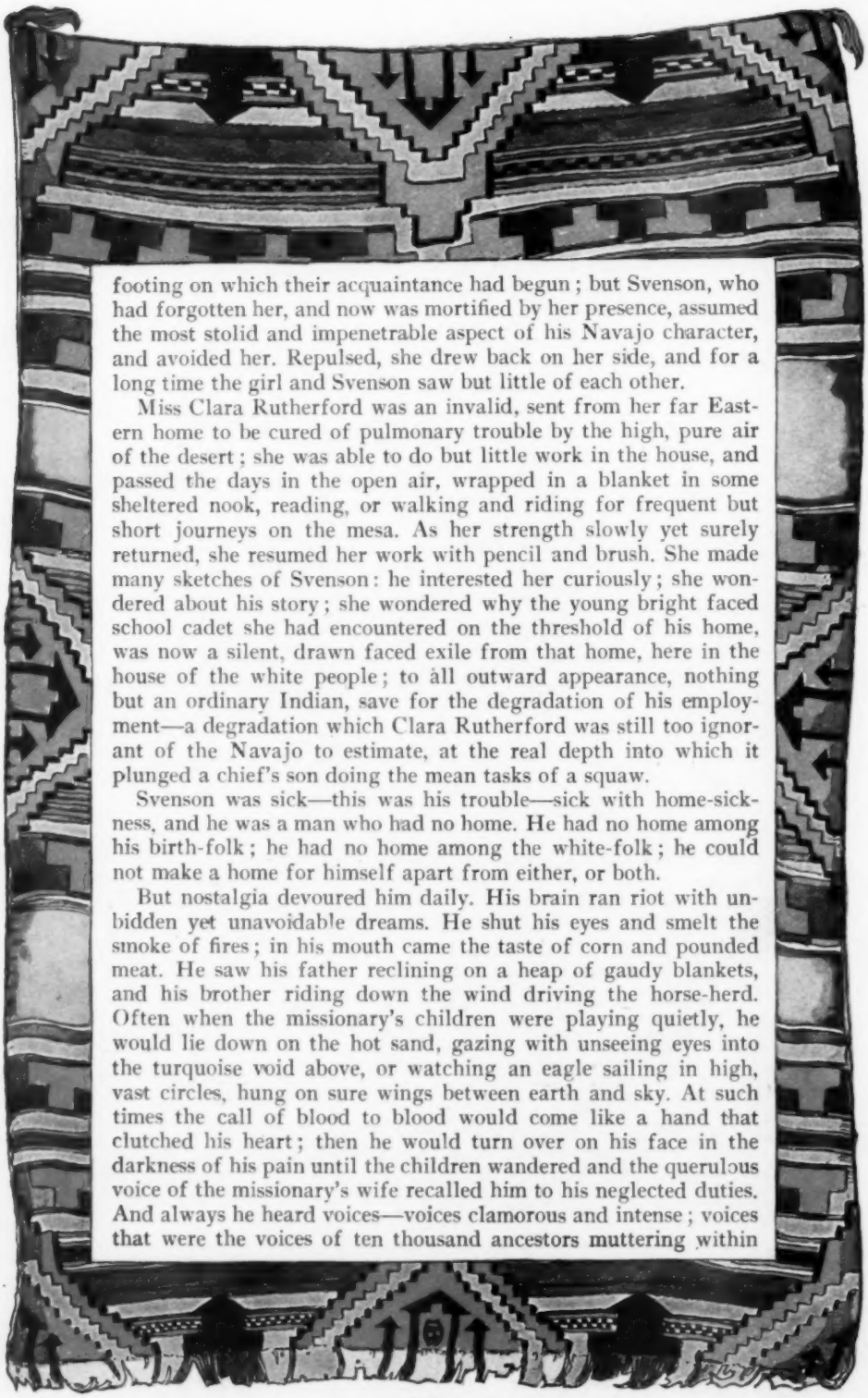
Svenson would have answered, but something rose in his throat and stopped his speech. He dropped the blanket over the doorway, shutting himself out. Placing a rude saddle constructed from a fork of the quaking-aspen, leather-covered and ornamented with brass tacks, upon the shaggy paint-pony which was his father's gift, he mounted and rode away to the east in the direction of the Mission, following a dim trail in and out among the sage.

The Reverend Mr. Holdway chanced to need help—or, rather, his hard-working and worrying wife needed help because of her five young children, and, although experience had taught the missionary to be wary of converted Indians, Svenson was given a chance as a hewer of wood and bearer of water, performing menial tasks in the kitchen and stable, and helping to care for the children.

He saw again the young white woman, Mr. Holdway's niece, he had met on the train on his home-coming journey. She greeted him with a cordiality which betokened a readiness to resume the



Under Svenson's charge the spell of the desert took hold



footing on which their acquaintance had begun; but Svenson, who had forgotten her, and now was mortified by her presence, assumed the most stolid and impenetrable aspect of his Navajo character, and avoided her. Repulsed, she drew back on her side, and for a long time the girl and Svenson saw but little of each other.

Miss Clara Rutherford was an invalid, sent from her far Eastern home to be cured of pulmonary trouble by the high, pure air of the desert; she was able to do but little work in the house, and passed the days in the open air, wrapped in a blanket in some sheltered nook, reading, or walking and riding for frequent but short journeys on the mesa. As her strength slowly yet surely returned, she resumed her work with pencil and brush. She made many sketches of Svenson: he interested her curiously; she wondered about his story; she wondered why the young bright faced school cadet she had encountered on the threshold of his home, was now a silent, drawn faced exile from that home, here in the house of the white people; to all outward appearance, nothing but an ordinary Indian, save for the degradation of his employment—a degradation which Clara Rutherford was still too ignorant of the Navajo to estimate, at the real depth into which it plunged a chief's son doing the mean tasks of a squaw.

Svenson was sick—this was his trouble—sick with home-sickness, and he was a man who had no home. He had no home among his birth-folk; he had no home among the white-folk; he could not make a home for himself apart from either, or both.

But nostalgia devoured him daily. His brain ran riot with unbidden yet unavoidable dreams. He shut his eyes and smelt the smoke of fires; in his mouth came the taste of corn and pounded meat. He saw his father reclining on a heap of gaudy blankets, and his brother riding down the wind driving the horse-herd. Often when the missionary's children were playing quietly, he would lie down on the hot sand, gazing with unseeing eyes into the turquoise void above, or watching an eagle sailing in high, vast circles, hung on sure wings between earth and sky. At such times the call of blood to blood would come like a hand that clutched his heart; then he would turn over on his face in the darkness of his pain until the children wandered and the querulous voice of the missionary's wife recalled him to his neglected duties. And always he heard voices—voices clamorous and intense; voices that were the voices of ten thousand ancestors muttering within

him for recognition, and tearing at him for utterance—the utterance which he could not give.

For a time, he grew careless in his dress; then he procured a gaudy blanket, which he wore bound about his waist with a belt made of heavy silver disks, in which he invested his savings. His duties were neglected, and the children wandered wide, while Svenson busied himself with his own pleasures. Many times the missionary was on the point of dismissing him, but the pleadings of Miss Rutherford, the one person for whom Svenson would still perform willing service, were only just sufficient to hold him in his place. Finally, he was given over to her charge entirely, to accompany her on the excursions that she made away from the Mission, now that she was growing stronger.

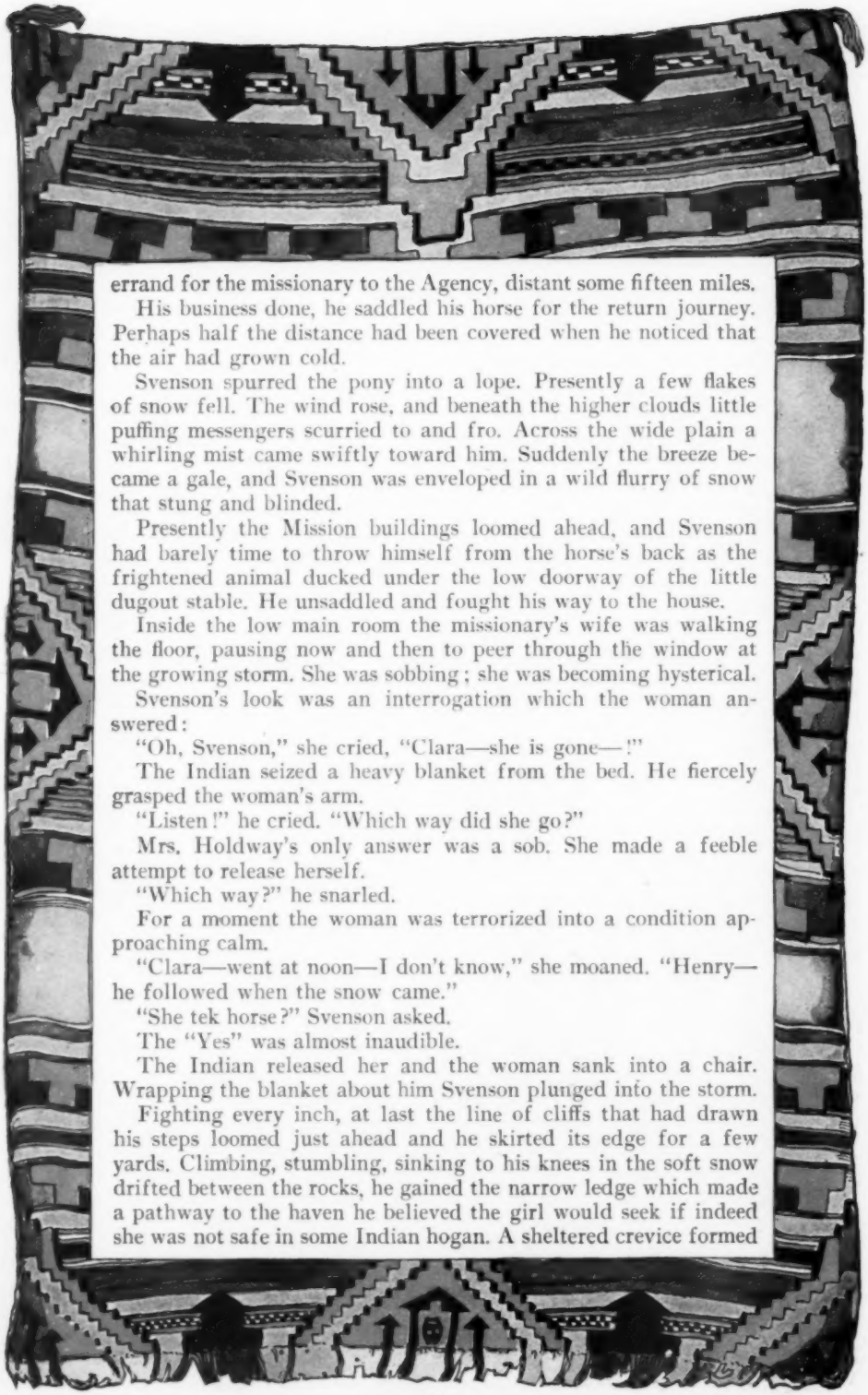
Svenson accepted his new service complacently, for it gave him also a chance to wander, and anything that removed him from the too close wardership of the missionary's wife seemed to him much to be desired.

Under Svenson's charge the spell of the desert's calm took hold on the white girl and the days crept past with light steps through the brooding sunshine, slipping backward and blending together like the lives that are lived in dreams. Replacing the hectic spots of scarlet in the girl's pale cheeks, there came again the flush of health.

The last weeks of the golden Summer sped away. A singular, bizarre comradeship sprang to life between the white girl and the Indian. Together they explored many of the ancient ruins—communal tenements of a vanished and forgotten race—that dot the valleys, or perch crumbling on the steepest mesa crags. Svenson taught the girl to ride instead of merely sitting on a horse. Enamoured of the life, half in jest, half in earnest, she draped her shoulders with a gorgeous Navajo blanket. For days together she would return to the Mission only when darkness came.

In such manner the time passed quickly, and almost before they were aware the blue haze of Indian summer slowly drew backward into the purple hills. On the desert winter comes suddenly, sweeping down from the north with only a little frost in the late Autumn to spy out the way and mark the track before the advancing armies of the snow.

Then came one frosty morning when Svenson was sent on an



errand for the missionary to the Agency, distant some fifteen miles.

His business done, he saddled his horse for the return journey. Perhaps half the distance had been covered when he noticed that the air had grown cold.

Svenson spurred the pony into a lope. Presently a few flakes of snow fell. The wind rose, and beneath the higher clouds little puffing messengers scurried to and fro. Across the wide plain a whirling mist came swiftly toward him. Suddenly the breeze became a gale, and Svenson was enveloped in a wild flurry of snow that stung and blinded.

Presently the Mission buildings loomed ahead, and Svenson had barely time to throw himself from the horse's back as the frightened animal ducked under the low doorway of the little dugout stable. He unsaddled and fought his way to the house.

Inside the low main room the missionary's wife was walking the floor, pausing now and then to peer through the window at the growing storm. She was sobbing; she was becoming hysterical.

Svenson's look was an interrogation which the woman answered:

"Oh, Svenson," she cried, "Clara—she is gone—!"

The Indian seized a heavy blanket from the bed. He fiercely grasped the woman's arm.

"Listen!" he cried. "Which way did she go?"

Mrs. Holdway's only answer was a sob. She made a feeble attempt to release herself.

"Which way?" he snarled.

For a moment the woman was terrorized into a condition approaching calm.

"Clara—went at noon—I don't know," she moaned. "Henry—he followed when the snow came."

"She tek horse?" Svenson asked.

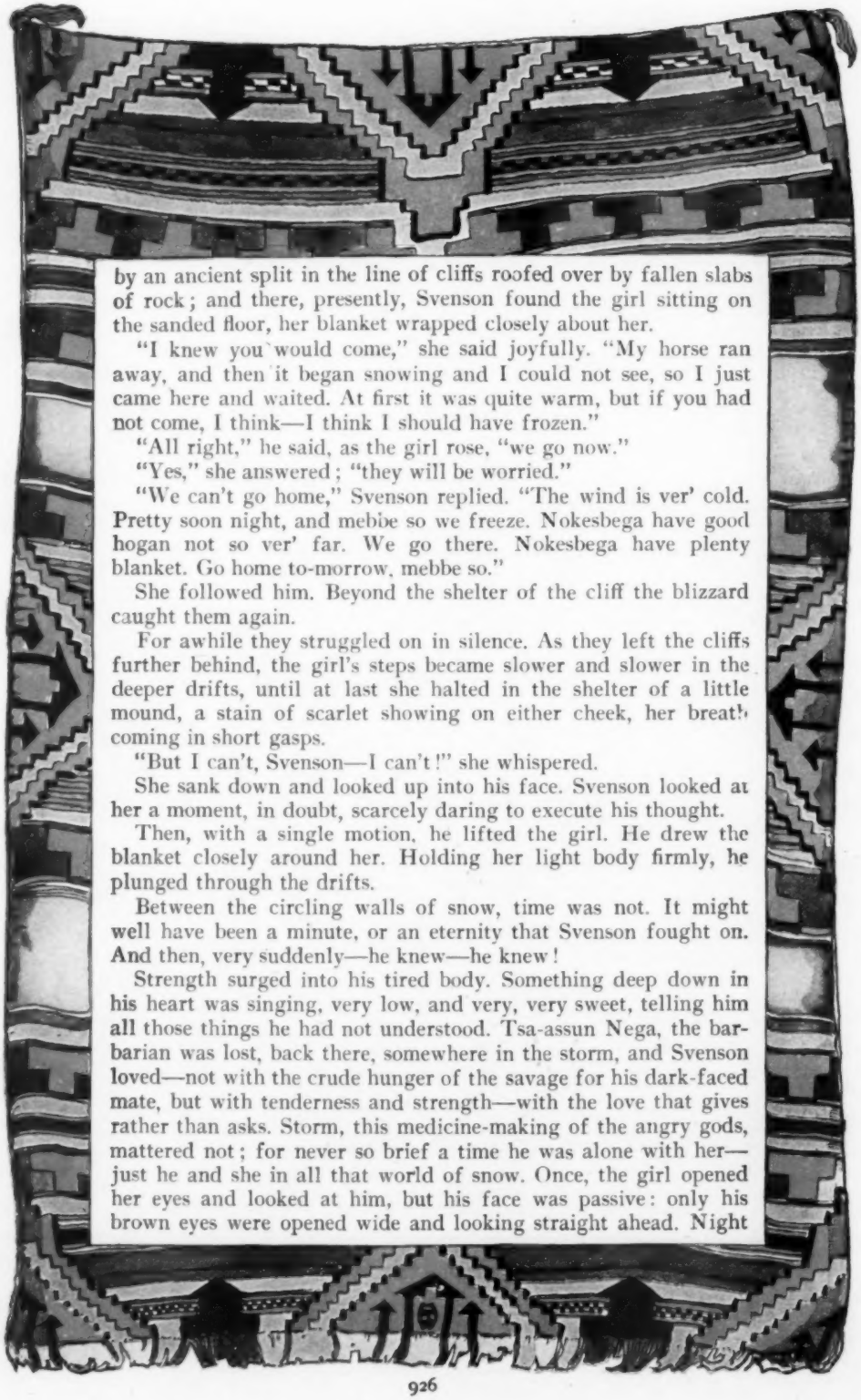
The "Yes" was almost inaudible.

The Indian released her and the woman sank into a chair. Wrapping the blanket about him Svenson plunged into the storm.

Fighting every inch, at last the line of cliffs that had drawn his steps loomed just ahead and he skirted its edge for a few yards. Climbing, stumbling, sinking to his knees in the soft snow drifted between the rocks, he gained the narrow ledge which made a pathway to the haven he believed the girl would seek if indeed she was not safe in some Indian hogan. A sheltered crevice formed



On the cross she hung a tiny sack of eagle's skin



by an ancient split in the line of cliffs roofed over by fallen slabs of rock; and there, presently, Svenson found the girl sitting on the sanded floor, her blanket wrapped closely about her.

"I knew you would come," she said joyfully. "My horse ran away, and then it began snowing and I could not see, so I just came here and waited. At first it was quite warm, but if you had not come, I think—I think I should have frozen."

"All right," he said, as the girl rose, "we go now."

"Yes," she answered; "they will be worried."

"We can't go home," Svenson replied. "The wind is ver' cold. Pretty soon night, and mebbe so we freeze. Nokesbega have good hogan not so ver' far. We go there. Nokesbega have plenty blanket. Go home to-morrow, mebbe so."

She followed him. Beyond the shelter of the cliff the blizzard caught them again.

For awhile they struggled on in silence. As they left the cliffs further behind, the girl's steps became slower and slower in the deeper drifts, until at last she halted in the shelter of a little mound, a stain of scarlet showing on either cheek, her breath coming in short gasps.

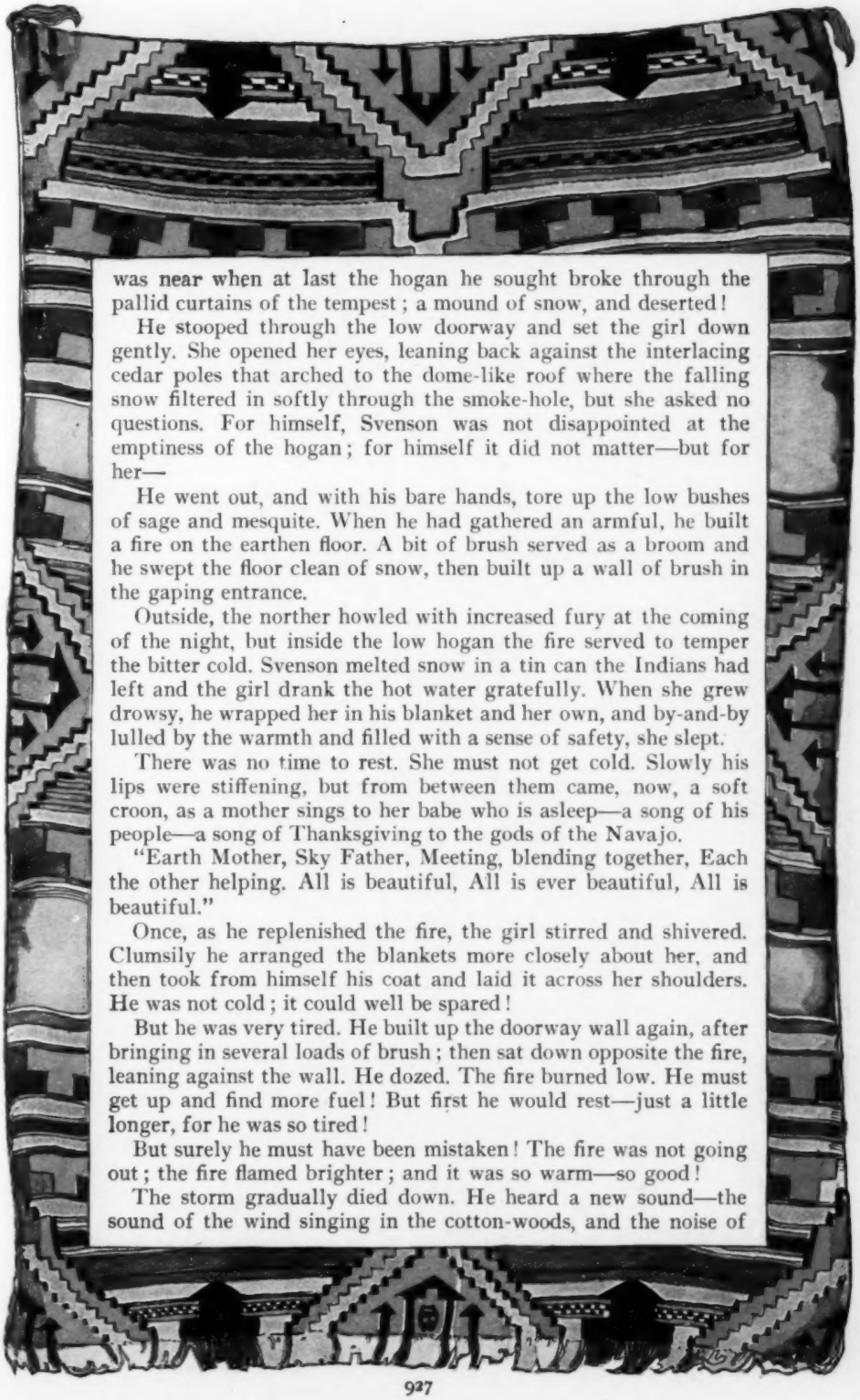
"But I can't, Svenson—I can't!" she whispered.

She sank down and looked up into his face. Svenson looked at her a moment, in doubt, scarcely daring to execute his thought.

Then, with a single motion, he lifted the girl. He drew the blanket closely around her. Holding her light body firmly, he plunged through the drifts.

Between the circling walls of snow, time was not. It might well have been a minute, or an eternity that Svenson fought on. And then, very suddenly—he knew—he knew!

Strength surged into his tired body. Something deep down in his heart was singing, very low, and very, very sweet, telling him all those things he had not understood. Tsa-assun Nega, the barbarian was lost, back there, somewhere in the storm, and Svenson loved—not with the crude hunger of the savage for his dark-faced mate, but with tenderness and strength—with the love that gives rather than asks. Storm, this medicine-making of the angry gods, mattered not; for never so brief a time he was alone with her—just he and she in all that world of snow. Once, the girl opened her eyes and looked at him, but his face was passive: only his brown eyes were opened wide and looking straight ahead. Night



was near when at last the hogan he sought broke through the pallid curtains of the tempest; a mound of snow, and deserted!

He stooped through the low doorway and set the girl down gently. She opened her eyes, leaning back against the interlacing cedar poles that arched to the dome-like roof where the falling snow filtered in softly through the smoke-hole, but she asked no questions. For himself, Svenson was not disappointed at the emptiness of the hogan; for himself it did not matter—but for her—

He went out, and with his bare hands, tore up the low bushes of sage and mesquite. When he had gathered an armful, he built a fire on the earthen floor. A bit of brush served as a broom and he swept the floor clean of snow, then built up a wall of brush in the gaping entrance.

Outside, the norther howled with increased fury at the coming of the night, but inside the low hogan the fire served to temper the bitter cold. Svenson melted snow in a tin can the Indians had left and the girl drank the hot water gratefully. When she grew drowsy, he wrapped her in his blanket and her own, and by-and-by lulled by the warmth and filled with a sense of safety, she slept.

There was no time to rest. She must not get cold. Slowly his lips were stiffening, but from between them came, now, a soft croon, as a mother sings to her babe who is asleep—a song of his people—a song of Thanksgiving to the gods of the Navajo.

"Earth Mother, Sky Father, Meeting, blending together, Each the other helping. All is beautiful, All is ever beautiful, All is beautiful."

Once, as he replenished the fire, the girl stirred and shivered. Clumsily he arranged the blankets more closely about her, and then took from himself his coat and laid it across her shoulders. He was not cold; it could well be spared!

But he was very tired. He built up the doorway wall again, after bringing in several loads of brush; then sat down opposite the fire, leaning against the wall. He dozed. The fire burned low. He must get up and find more fuel! But first he would rest—just a little longer, for he was so tired!

But surely he must have been mistaken! The fire was not going out; the fire flamed brighter; and it was so warm—so good!

The storm gradually died down. He heard a new sound—the sound of the wind singing in the cotton-woods, and the noise of

a river! Strange that the river should be so near! In the summer, the river sang like that, and the trees were big and green—

But there were no trees on the desert; the trees were at the School with the high, dark walls, where they would not let him go out to the river and the trees even when they called—and called—

Now, however, he would go home to his own people—to his father's hogan—but—wait!

Why should he go home when he was already there?

He, Svenson, had come home—but his name was not Svenson.

His father reclined on the blanket heap; his mother crouched over a tiny fire, baking on a hot stone little cakes of blue cornmeal and pounded meat? Outside he could hear the voice of his brother as he rode yelling down the wind driving the horse herd; his mother made no sign but now and then stole sidelong glances at her eldest son.

Then Shush-um-pa rose and hung about his throat a tiny sack of eagles' skin with the feathers still intact; a pouch of good medicine; a mystic emblem of power to be worn by a chief's son; a constant imploration to the Trues.

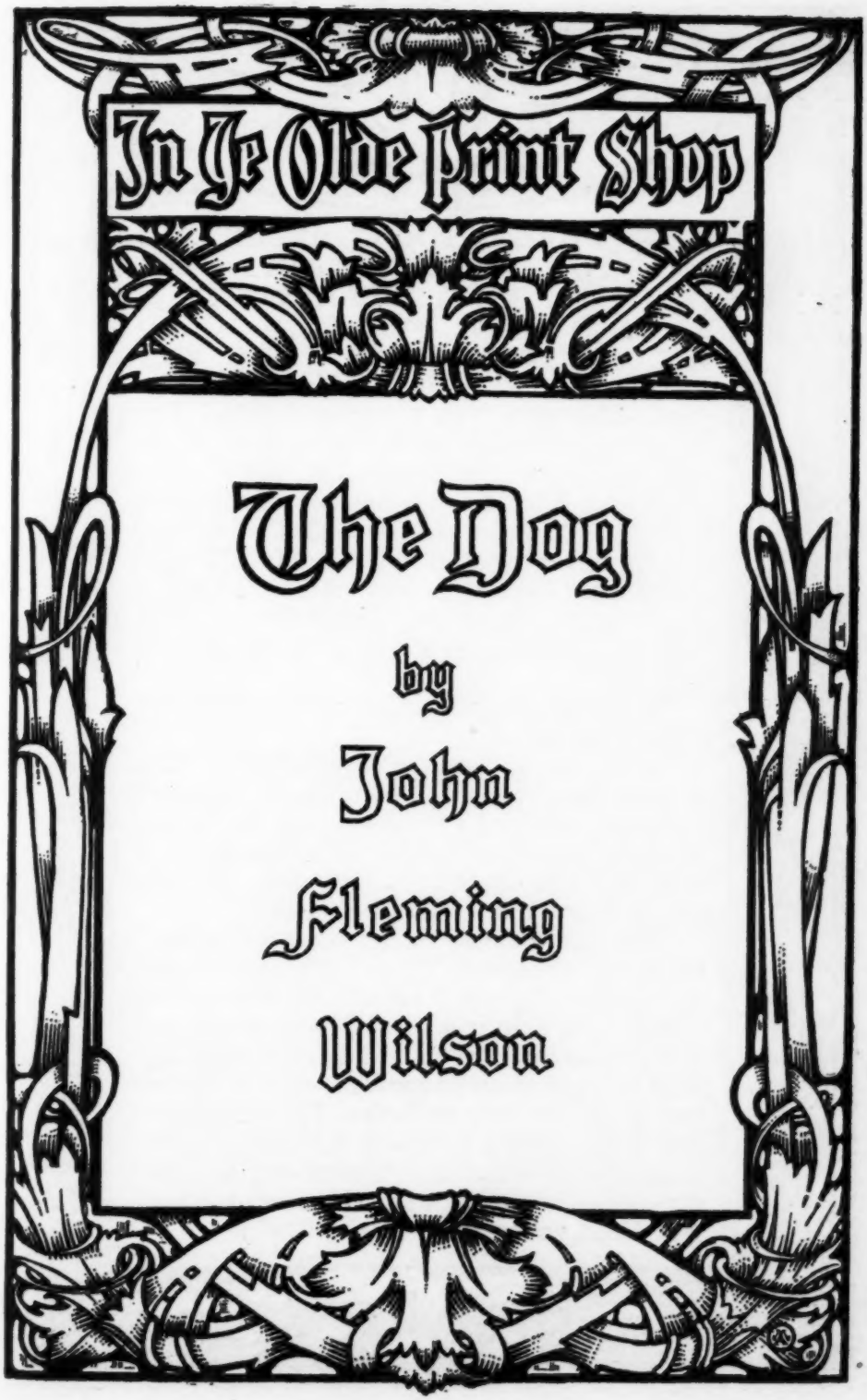
Someone moved about in the hogan—it must be the girl? Yes, it was she who had replenished the fire, and then she came quite close to him, and kissed him as the white people kiss. He was glad she had done that—glad: for he had been very ill, and he had dreamed—bad dreams of snow and fearful cold.

Low in the east, the morning star rose in a clear sky above the white world.

The Missionary with an Indian search party found them an hour later. Both were asleep, but Svenson they could not waken; though he still sat leaning against the circled wall.

When the girl recovered from the illness brought on by exposure they showed her a mound surmounted by the Christian's cross; marked by the name, Svenson. On the cross, she hung a tiny sack of eagles' skin with the feathers still intact: a pouch of good medicine; a mystic emblem of power to be worn by a chief's son; a constant imploration to the Trues. It had been taken from the man's neck by the missionary.

The mound had already grown over with desert grasses above Tsa-assun Nega, of the Navajo, who had come home.


In Ye Olde Print Shop
The Dog
by
John
Fleming
Wilson

"LIFE IS TOO COMPLEX," HE INSISTED. "I ADMIT THAT I AM A WEAK SISTER, THAT I'VE REACHED PART II OF WHAT THE missionaries call a Ruined Existence. But then—why have Ten Commandments? Let the strong and eager and virtuous observe all ten—or a dozen, if they are able. But I'm not equal to it. I could easily keep one commandment, and I might keep two. But when you mix things up beyond that, I confess, I quit. If life were simple, as your American poets sing, I should be among Those Present. But I fail to solve the problem in terms of *x*, *y* and *z*."

The speaker stared with sunken eyes at the clean bank clerk.

"Get to work!" was the eager answer. "Mix in with the good folks down here—you used to know 'em—and get acquainted with some of the nice girls and make some money. Stop drinking. You could do it, Reynolds. Half the men in Honolulu would be glad of it."

"You are making things complex again," Reynolds returned. "You say, 'Stop drinking.' Done! But am I saved? No. I've got to do that and then mix in with nice people and make some fine girl think I am all right, and then I've got to make some money, and so on, and so on, for ever and ever. Too complex. I can do something simple, but I'm no juggler. I can't keep ten commandments and six social must-nots in the air at once. Have a drink? No? Well, so long!"

Archibald Thomas P. Reynolds finished his third "dog's nose," glanced carelessly at the morning's Advertiser and walked slowly out of Cunha's into the bright Honolulu sunshine. On his way two men nodded coldly and a third took pains to cut him.

In King street he consulted the bulletin boards, stared in the shop-windows and conducted himself inoffensively as a man of leisure for two hours. He then carelessly strolled up to a café where he lunched on whisky and crackers. An hour later he was trudging slowly down Kalekaua Road to the beach, under the hot afternoon sun, a byword and a scandal to all who saw him. For he wavered and had lost his hat. Oddly enough, this was Archibald Thomas P. Reynolds' last appearance. With rambling steps and staring eyes he passed out of the complexities of a civilization which he could not appreciate at its true value into that simplicity for which his soul yearned. For one hundred yards beyond the grass hut that is pointed out to tourists as the residence of the former kings of Hawaii a very small girl clung to the step of a carriage and screamed shrilly as Reynolds came by.

A woman, leaning out of the carriage, jerked at her daughter's arm and scolded her vigorously.

"Of course you can't take the dog," she said. "Hurry and get in with me! We're going to catch the steamer and go home!"

"I wont leave my dog!" wailed the child, kicking up the dust.

"Get in!" her mother commanded wrathfully. "If you don't," her wary eye discerned the shameful figure of a drunken white man by the road side, "if you don't, that bad man will get you!"

The girl stared interestedly at the Bad Man. Then, jerking her arm from her mother's grasp, she darted over to him. At her heels galloped a small, wizened animal with a string around its black neck.

"Please!" she begged. "I want somebody to be good to my dog!"

"Is this your dog?" he inquired.

"Yes! I founded him myself! And nobody is good to him! Will you be good to him?"

Reynolds straightened up and looked over to the lady in the carriage.

"It is a very simple matter, madam," he said with an air. "I am not much—as you perceive. But your daughter is correct in her judgment. I believe I am equal to being good to a dog. It is a simple matter."

He took the dirty string out of the little girl's hand and bowed as deeply as a dizzy head would allow him.

"I'll be good to him," he said hoarsely. "Now run on to your mother."

The child seemed satisfied and retreated, backwards, with loving eyes upon her late pet, who, to do him justice, seemed very loth to be left behind.

"Be very good to him!" she cried in farewell.

"Trust me!" he replied gravely. "And thank you for the confidence!"

As the carriage sped on he looked down at his new charge. The dog, a miserable mongrel, sat on its haunches and looked at him, blunt ears a-cock. Then, as Reynolds resumed his slightly erratic course down the white road, it fell behind resignedly.

The strange pair wandered on and on, past bright villas, through laughing crowds of tourists, into the spacious shadows of Kapiolani Park. There, under a tree, the man subsided to the grass and fell asleep. The dog, after snapping at mosquitoes without success, howled miserably. Then it curled itself up between its new master's feet.

The sun dipped into the ocean and the shadows in the park deepened. The electric lights along the trolley line sparkled out on the poles and under them the gardeners passed homeward. Out on the beach the shark, threshing in its concrete tank behind the aquarium, sipped the cool water flowing in with the rising tide over the pool's lip and relapsed into silence. The crescent moon, swung delicately in the unfathomable sky, threw down a faint radiance and roused the night-birds. A brushing wing awakened the man and he sat up. His aching eyes saw nothing. His parched throat called loudly for a drink. He thrust his hand into his pocket and was rejoiced to find a coin. He got to his feet to start off. The tug of a string on his finger stopped him. He stared down at the dog.

"The little cur!" he said to himself. "And she wanted me to be good to you! Well, that's easy. Come on!"

He wrapped the string afresh around his finger, and walked away towards the city.

Just as he emerged from the park Reynolds crossed the road to a small shop where a huge Portuguese woman dozed among bottles of soda-water and baskets of fruit and provisions. Extracting his solitary coin Reynolds effected the purchase of some ginger-ale and a piece of dried fish. With these in hand he went back into the park. Under the shadows he emptied the bottle and fed the fish to the dog. When the animal, its hunger satisfied, licked its lips and wagged its crooked tail, he addressed it solemnly.

"Now, that was simple, wasn't it, pup? Life, dog, is very complex. But one can always be good to a dog. Now run along."

He unknotted the cord from round its throat and set it loose.

"Run along!" he ordered.

But the mongrel, wagging its tail again, pursued a centipede under a root, barked at a rat on some nocturnal hunt, and returned to curl up between the man's knees.

Reynolds considered this at length. Finally, without disturbing his new charge, he took off his shoes, threw his socks away, tore collar and cuffs from his shirt and thus began his new life. They slept together, mongrel and man, till the dawn blazed over Palolo. Then they went down to bathe together.

Two months later the manager of Bishop & Company, bankers, remarked that Archibald Thomas P. Reynolds did not call for his mail any more.

"He's dropped out," said the manager, thrusting the few letters into a pigeonhole. "Poor chap! he was of little account!"

"Probably," was the reply. "Better return those letters to the writers. We'll never see him again."

And thus it came about that Archibald T. P. Reynolds did not return up the white road that he went down.

Instead, a man answering to the general title of "Jim" was living in a hut back of the cable landing, helping the assistant superintendent, who had never heard of Reynolds, watch the safety of the big, snaky cable that plunged out over the reef and into the depths of the Pacific. The work was not hard, but it meant long watches at night, sometimes, and consequent consumption of much tobacco. At these epochs the assistant superintendent railed exceedingly at the miserable cur that followed Jim, the handy man, and refused to be separated from him even for a minute. But in the midst of his objurgation he would find Jim's eyes sharply fixed on him.

"Anybody can be decent to a dog," said that extraordinary laborer.

And the assistant would become silent, much to his own amazement. Latterly he got to bringing the dog lumps of sugar, which were gratefully accepted and assured double service from the animal's master.

One night the assistant kept the laborer working till early morning over the foundations of the long carrier-conduit that took the tender cable out over the jagged reef.

The trades were strong and chill. When the work was done, the superintendent pulled a dollar out of his pocket and laid it down before the dog.

"Take it to your master and tell him to get a drink for himself and a bone for you," he said.

Jim, from the other side of the room, nodded his thanks.

"I don't drink," he said briefly.

"Anything you like," was the reply. "But —pardon me—what are you doing out here, if you don't drink? Excuse my bluntness, but you're up to better things, if you're a sober man."

Jim stared moodily out into the crisp morning twilight.

"I'm doing one thing at a time," he said slowly. "Just now I'm trying to be good to the dog."

At daylight Jim considered the pup for some time, as they enjoyed their breakfast among the palms.

"We've got a dollar that we don't need, and while I don't usually take tips," he said, "I guess you've got a treat coming. Now what'll it be?"

The dog cocked one shapeless ear and panted, his red tongue quivering out of his jaws. A sudden thought struck his master.

"By jove!" he said loudly. "We need a good swim, both of us, pup. We'll go down to the sand beach and swim with the rest of the good people. Come on!"

The walk to Waikiki seemed very short.

Reynolds (or Jim) strode along barefooted, active, lean and with the faint glow of health on him. Now and again he glanced curiously in upon the green lawn of some villa, or drew aside as an early picknicking party fled by with jesting laughter. When he emerged into the open of Waikiki proper, and saw the Moana Hotel, and the motors chugging outside, and heard the footfalls echoing on polished floors and smelt the odors of cooking, the perfume of wines and the scent of cigars, he stopped.

"I don't believe we'll go any farther, pup," he said. "This business has got to be kept simple. If it gets complex and tangled up and mixed with various commandments, you'll get the worst of it. And I'm not much, pup. It's about all I can do to be good to a dog!"

As for the animal he addressed, after turning one inquiring glance back on his master, he trotted on. Reynolds, gazing after him, hesitated, was about to whistle a recall, started on, halted, swore, and then continued on his way.

Several people, seeing the lines of perplexity on the lean, healthy face of the barefooted haole, glanced at him interestedly. But no one recognized in him the man who had once been prominent in Honolulu, first as a young business man, lastly as a drunkard. The dog turned in under a big gateway bearing the sign "Japanese Inn."

"That settles it," Reynolds remarked weakly. "They'll serve me, no matter how many bare feet I have."

He cursed the dog and his own failings. He quickly crossed the lawn, avoided the main entrance, and dived down an alleyway. At the end of this a Japanese, dressed in white apron and jacket, received him smilingly. Half an hour later Reynolds lolled on the seaward lanai of the inn, glowing with liquor, flushed with new dreams, his full, handsome face set on the shining ocean. Now and then he replenished his glass out of the bottle.

"I'm going to get away," he told the waiter. "Just you wait! Odd how a good drink simplifies matters, once you get 'em straight in your head! I'm going back home! Decent citizen! and all that!"

The tide crept in from the blue ocean, flooded the white beach and covered the reefs, and at the same time another tide, of humanity, flowed slowly down from the city to meet it, filling up the hotels, the parks, thronging the roadways with men and women drawn by idleness, curiosity, thirst, or more innocent desires. In a secluded part of the lanai Reynolds finished his bottle, watching the pageant. Now and again he stared round him, as if he would go somewhere. But each time he relapsed into his seat. When the bottle was empty and the canoes began their rides over the breakers, and the surf boardriders yelled and laughed outside, and the people along the beach hummed like a vast swarming of bees, he suddenly remembered that he had come for a swim. It was true that he might have gone swimming down by the cable landing, among the rocks, but it wasn't

safe for the dog. One must look out for the dog. Where was the dog? He whistled. It crept out from under a bench and together they left the lanai and started down towards the water.

Heedless of his clothes—for how could a wetting injure them?—he walked into the warm sea. As he made his slow way down the shelving sand and the water rose to his knees, to his waist, to his shoulders, he forgot the dog in the pure comfort and refreshment of it. He looked longingly out. He had often swum to the reef before. It would be just the thing now. He stretched himself out gently on the water.

A yelp behind recalled to him his charge. He turned and saw the mongrel, half drowned, plunging towards him with pitiful, straining efforts. He reached out, picked it up and set it on his shoulder.

"Poor little pup," he said commiseratingly. "You never came of a swimming breed. But you've got pluck all right. You swam."

He scanned the expanse between him and the shore. It suddenly came over him how far the dog had struggled before he heard its cry and heeded it.

"By jove!" he said admiringly. "You certainly have pluck, pup!"

The animal, perilously balanced on his steadily heaving shoulder, licked his briny cheek.

On a pinnacle of coral far out, Reynolds rested. About him the long rollers of the Pacific heaped themselves high, shook overhead

like huge billows of blue cloth, and swept downward in crashes of foam and spray. Now and then he had to struggle to maintain his position on the bit of coral. Each time he recovered himself in the broken water he felt the dog's trembling body pressed closer to him.

A wave lifted him up and he felt the cruel scrape of a coral branch along his leg. He regained his perch with difficulty, rescuing the dog with a sweep of his arm from the swirling brine. It struggled up in his arms and licked his face. He suddenly felt sorry for it.

"You swam a dickens of a ways," he muttered. "You saw me headed this way and you just came, too."

He mused on this a long time. Then he felt weak. A dull pain made itself felt in his leg.

"That coral's poison," he said. "And we must get away while we can."

He glanced behind him, saw his chance and slipped down into the water. He struck out for shore very slowly. His right leg was stiff.

What seemed to him interminable hours passed resoundingly. As he swam, with great strokes, buffeting the waves with amazing vigor and address, but making infinitesimal progress, he continually heard the shout of surf-riders behind him, rose into the bosom of breakers and was suddenly overwhelmed. Each time he came to the air to see the riders flitting towards the far beach on the crest of the wave that had just overpassed. Once in a while a ponderous canoe, laden with shriek-

ing white women, thundered by, careening down the smooth slope of a wave, the brown, intent faces of the canoemen fixed immovably upon the distant shore towards which they sped. Later a fishing sampan, rocking wildly in the broken water, was borne slowly by him in a vast smudge of foam and spray.

Gradually the blood pelting through his arteries slowed up, as the liquor died in him. Perspective returned. Instead of swimming forever in a boundless sea, he was thrashing wildly around within a few hundred feet of the shallows. And behind him he heard a scream. There was the impact of some heavy flat object on the surface of the water, a raucous call, a bellow of rage, of command, of encouragement. He turned his face quickly seaward.

Caught under the arch of a wave he saw a small canoe, its bow swung up, its stem tilted downward. With great deliberation, as he craned his neck to watch, a woman slipped from her place in the bow, clutched methodically at the thwarts as she descended and plunged into the water beneath the uphung canoe. The wave seemed to tremble forward, to totter. Foam suddenly blossomed on the crest. A huge kanaka, poised across the little craft, bellowed again, driving his paddle deep into the wave.

"That takes a long time," mused Reynolds. "The woman will likely be hit by the canoe and she will be drowned."

The wave broke. Reynolds, clutching the dog to his neck with one hand, thrust the

arm down and dived. He felt the wrecked canoe wallow overhead. Something struck his leg, his right leg, too, a sharp, painful blow. He emerged to face the kanaka who was plunging around looking for his passenger. A second canoeman, spilled some moments before, swam a hundred yards away. Before his eyes the woman reappeared, rolling slowly to the surface. The native, grasping her, started for the beach with great, swift movements, raising the water before his breast in a girdle of foam, traversing the long swells with frantic and incredible speed. From the sea a second canoe swept in, its crew shouting terribly, beating the water with their paddles. Reynolds exhaled his breath with a long "A-ah!" He understood. A shark had crossed the reef and was hunting. This was what had demoralized the men in the wrecked canoe, the source of the terror in the oncoming craft.

A second wave slopped the broken canoe directly across Reynolds' path. Something underneath a thwart caught his eye. He reached out his hand and took hold of the side. He looked in. A little girl's upturned, white face met his glance. He pondered quickly. It was a hopeless undertaking to try to take the canoe in. The girl lay in water that washed over her lips and swept her hair round her throat. Any moment another wave might turn it all upside down. And there was the shark—somewhere. He drove his feet down, thrust his arms in and drew the child out. The canoe was flung far from him by the

rush of a surge. But he had the girl safely in his grasp.

Dazed, he started slowly to swim on towards shore. He made a few strokes and his limbs failed him. By himself he could with difficulty make the distance. Burdened with the child, it was impossible. His eyes darkened. His lips sucked in brine. He was perishing. But his dulled ear caught a sharp, imperative, pitiful sound behind him. It was the yelp of his abandoned dog. It was swimming alone. With infinite pains he turned and saw it, perceived dimly the pleading eyes, the upturned muzzle, the blunt ears. Shifting the child slightly, he thrust out stiff fingers to save the dog. The animal puffed and struggled. It yelped again. It choked. And beyond them he saw the swiftly rising crest of another breaker. The child in his arms suddenly struggled, too.

In that instant he saw the faithfulness of the dog. It had followed him. It had asked neither reason nor cause. It had simply followed him. It had trusted him. In his arms he clutched a child. Something familiar in the girl's face moved him, how he did not know. The thought came to him that she might, at some time, have wished that people would be good to a dog. Bitterly, quickly he made his decision. With a huge intaking of breath, he dived, without one look behind him, without a sound to signify that he heard a feeble yelp as the breaker engulfed the floundering mongrel.

Ten minutes later he strode out of the

water and up the beach to a woman who sat shrieking for her child. At sight of him she rose and threw herself forward. Men crowded around, with orders, with commands, with warning.

In the midst of this clamor he stood, holding the child. His wet clothes dripped. At his feet gathered a dark pool of blood.

Somebody stepped up and took the little girl from him, calling out loudly, "She's alive! She's all right!"

Another man, staring keenly at Reynolds, touched him on the arm.

"The shark!" he said.

Reynolds shook him off. Without a word to the astonished people huddled circlewise round him he turned and strode back towards the sea. They called to him. A man, waving his arms menacingly, ran toward him. He shook his head. Gathering his strength he plunged into the water, hastened out into it till it rose to his waist, to his shoulders. Then, with a sigh, he yielded himself to it, swimming seaward wearily, out towards the crashing breakers, to the place where he had heard that last piteous yelp of his dog.

"It's so simple," he mused. "Anybody can do that. Just—" his calm face grew peaceful, as the warm tide flowed over it—"just be good to the dog!"

And with this solitary and ridiculous substitute for a morality too high for him, Archibald Thomas P. Reynolds swam on—and on—out of that sea into another, seeking a black, blunt eared, clumsy mongrel—a cur.



He monopolized the conversation

The Aspiration of Hermione

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THE Shackletons had just come back to the city. They were sitting in their little breakfast-room, with an early autumn sun striking through the stained glass window so that faint rose and lavender lights checkered their hair and the table-linen.

Hermione was twenty, Mrs. Shackleton was thirty-six, and Mr. Shackleton was forty; and it was hard to tell which looked the oldest. Hermione certainly looked the severest, as she sat at the foot of the table, a text-book propped against her coffee-cup, her pretty nose wrinkled in the attempt to keep on her glasses, eat, and read all at once.

"Oh, come, Hermione," said Mr. Shackleton at last, with as much paternal firmness as he could command, "since you've dragged us back to town a month before we wanted to come, you might at least give us the palliation of your society."

Hermione closed her book with an air of patient forebearance.

"You and mother are so unreasonable," she said, with the air of one who would explain to a stubborn child. "If I had been to a dance last night, you wouldn't be breakfasting with me at all."

"No, we'd all be placidly sleeping," said Mr. Shackleton.

Hermione looked at them keenly.

"The real trouble is, you and mother have used me as an excuse for your own frivolity. You both care far more for balls and dinners than I do. If I hadn't settled down, you two never would."

Hermione had been bringing them up since she was six, and for a moment both

looked at each other guiltily. Then Mr. Shackleton made an attempt at self-assertion.

"I wont have you speaking in that tone to your mother," he said.

"Stuff," said Hermione, and blew him a kiss.

She rose, and, standing behind his chair, rippled her fingers through his thick crop of curls.

"Boy, dear," she said, "why don't you let me be happy in my own way? I allowed you and mother to get married and have me, and bring me up as girls in your set always are brought up, and now, when I take to books—"

Mrs. Shackleton interrupted.

"I really think I am to be considered as much as your father, Hermione," she said. "When I think of the trouble I took with your complexion and shoes and health. I always tried every new breakfast-food and all sanitary clothing—"

Hermione came to the back of her mother's chair and kissed the smooth pink cheek.

"You needn't think I can be—"

"Bamboozled?" supplied Hermione.

"As easily as your father. It isn't as if you had failed socially and were taking up this work as an excuse. But some of my friends are just cats enough to say you have failed, and that it is because Tom Masters has begun to pay attention to Kitty Rogerson—"

"I've no time for gossip," said Hermione crisply.

She went back to her seat and drank her coffee with heightened color.

"At any rate," said Mr. Shackleton reminiscently, "that was a happy time, Hermione, before you took to higher education."

"I can't think where you get it," complained Mrs. Shackleton. "My people were never like that."

"If you mean that any of my sisters are the new woman sort," bristled Mr. Shackleton, "that shows how little you have ever really tried to appreciate my family."

"I'm off to my classes, mother," said Hermione. "Oh, my dear people, if only you could hear my professor of chemistry!"

Mr. Shackleton looked at her quickly.

"I say, Hermione, I'll call on him if you like, and take him to the Club."

"Oh, he'd be bored at the Club," said Hermione; "but—yes, do call on him, daddy. He'd like to know my father."

After Hermione had closed the door, Mrs. Shackleton asked, "What did you mean, Robert?"

"Just what I said. I'll know this professor. You'll invite him here to a dinner-party, and Hermione will see what a frightful stick he is among the other guests; he's sure to be."

Mrs. Shackleton clasped her hands.

"Oh, Robert, how splendid!" she breathed. "But wont she see through us?"

"She can't see through anything simpler than a chemistry-book," he said. "Wonderful how stupid people are who go in for higher education. I never met a professor myself that could talk about anything—polo, bridge, the races, Wall Street—why, they don't know anything that's really vital. He'll be dumb as a fish, and she'll be ashamed of him."

Hermione was an analytical young woman who took nothing for granted, except her parents. Therefore, when her father and mother expressed themselves as delighted with Professor Benton, she believed them and felt glad that her two dearest were at last on the high road to appreciating what she called the reality of life—knowledge.

When Professor Benton called, even Mrs. Shackleton seemed interested in his scientific talk.

Hermione quite approved of the invitation to dinner. She frowned a little when her mother told her that she had invited one or two others. Tom Masters was well enough; Hermione felt no especial friendship now for this young man who had no real ambition in life, but she liked him well enough yet to have helped him, if that were possible. But why invite that vapid-headed Kitty Rogerson, and the Merrivales, and the Hudsons?

Kitty Rogerson, Mrs. Shackleton informed her, with a meaning look, was nearly always asked nowadays wherever



She was unaware of Kitty's chatter or of the spectators about her

Tom Masters went, and it wasn't wise to break people's habits. As for the Merrivales and Hudsons, Mr. Benton had said he would like to know them.

Hermione thought there must be some mistake, for of all the know-nothings—well, may be they *had* given her splendid christening presents and sent heaps of flowers at her coming-out party—that didn't prove they had any brains. However, it was too late to change the invitations now. Mrs. Shackleton must be more careful in future.

The only comfort that Mrs. Shackleton was able to take from her dinner-party was that everybody present was handsome.

Professor Benton was a large built, fresh-colored young man, who looked more like a mountain climber or an explorer than a person whose specialty was books. Tom Masters was big and dark, a splendid foil, Mrs. Shackleton thought with a sigh, for Hermione's slim brownness. Kitty Rogerson was a little blond fluff of a thing, and the Merrivales and Hudsons were all good looking.

But the conversation! Mrs. Shackleton never thought of that dinner-party without a shudder and a lifting of her hands.

Professor Benton easily dominated the talk. He had been working up a special phase of his subject which he was going to use in his winter seminary. Some chance remark of Kitty's started him on the matter, and he held his theme, with main-heads, and sub-heads, and qualifications, down to the bird. He had a splendid magnetic voice and was deeply interested in his subject, but, as Mrs. Shackleton said afterwards, the Angel Gabriel couldn't make molecules and atoms attractive. Hermione and, apparently, Tom Masters were enthralled, Tom leaning forward in a deferential way, that won him an approving glance from Hermione, and incidentally made it harder for anyone else to interrupt. Kitty, after a time, with a furtive giggle, joined them; but the others seconded Mrs. Shackleton in her efforts to interrupt. Professor Benton, however, was not to be checked. He patiently waited until a speaker finished his remarks, and then went on with his chosen subject. No attempt to converse in couples was possible. The table was doomed to a monologue.

Mrs. Shackleton rose as soon as she decently could, and in the drawing-room she drew Mrs. Merrivale and Mrs. Hudson aside. Hermione and Kitty, from their corner, saw the three talking, at first gravely, and then gleefully. Kitty had jumped up to find what was amusing them, when the men appeared from the dining-room, all but Tom Masters, utterly bored. The Professor made for Hermione, and Tom followed respectfully. Long after the Merrivales and Hudsons left, the Professor's group cohered.

Hermione was radiant when the late guests departed.

"Oh, wasn't it lovely?" she asked. "Did you ever know such a wonderful talker?"

Mr. Shackleton gave his exasperated wife a warning nudge. "Splendid chap," he said enthusiastically. "I don't know when I've been more interested. Wonderful thing, science—wonderful. If I had my life to live over—"

Hermione clasped her hands.

"Father, why shouldn't you take a course?"

"E-r—well, my dear, I should if I were younger. Perhaps I will next term. Read up a bit this year, eh? Professor Benton can give me books."

"He offered to help Tom to-night," said Hermione. "I must say I was delighted with Tom. He scarcely looked at Kitty. She did her best to attract him, and Professor Benton, too, for that matter."

"Really, Hermione, I don't think Tom needs Professor Benton's patronage," burst out Mrs. Shackleton at last. "In spite of all his money he spends a couple of hours on the Street every day, and if you don't call that a specialty—"

"Your mother doesn't understand, dear," said Mr. Shackleton; "but, still, it's true. Tom is a clever fellow, and isn't it reasonable to suppose that he can put his brains—"

"On things that are really worth

while? Of course," said Hermione, "only he need never hope to catch up to Professor Benton; he started too late."

"Then do you mean that I am not to begin studying?" asked Mr. Shackleton.

"Why, it's different with you, father," began Hermione—

"No, it's not. I see how it is, Hermione; you are never consistent. I know you would despise me as a superficial student."

Hermione looked at him sharply, but he bore her scrutiny calmly.

"Somehow, I always feel that you and mother are just right as you are," she said, and Mr. Shackleton's heart so smote him that his wife was obliged to show him an admonitory frown.

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Something to Hermione's surprise, the Rogersons, the Merrivales, and the Hudsons began to take up Professor Benton Their summer homes were all near the homes of the Shackletons' and the Masters', and by the next June the scientist was spending all his week-ends with one or the other of the families. Hermione's admiration of Professor Benton's mind had been so all-absorbing that she had never considered his character; but she began to feel an admiration for that, too, when she saw how he tried to be interested in the interests of his new friends. He took up billiards so vigorously that every cloth in the neighborhood was cut. He learned bridge, and did not always lose. He played golf, but as the game was hopelessly out of date in their set, he did not practice it. Polo, however, he embraced with enthusiasm, learning the sport under the tutelage of Tom Masters. Tom Masters he liked especially. He told Hermione that Tom really had a talent for books, not real science—there were so few minds fitted for that—but for political economy and literature. Hermione at first was disposed to under-rate everything which was not either chemistry or pure science; but when Professor Benton expressed the opinion that a catholic taste was surely the fundamental equipment of a woman, she agreed that the most that could be expected of Tom was that he develop whatever talents he had.

Tom evidently had the tendency of the tyro to exhibit his progress. He did not tell Hermione that a clever writer of the magazine ranks came to his rooms in town three times a week and poured into him critical generalizations and taught him quotations from the very latest poets and authors. All that Hermione knew was that her former friend seemed to be aware of the very most recent budding geniuses, especially those across the water.

"But, Tom," she said to him once, when July was well begun and the Shackletons had left the city for the summer, "you never used to talk about these things to me."

"I've always been fond of literature and good ideals expressed in poetry," said Tom, "but in the old days, if you'll remember, I preferred to talk to you about yourself, while now—"

Of course Hermione should have been pleased with this speech, but, somehow, it rankled.

"I should dislike to retard any young man's contact with the higher things of life," she said coldly. "I am not that sort."

Both of them glanced over at Kitty Rogerson, who was that sort, and who was animatedly chatting to Professor Benton on the Shackleton's terrace.

"Do go and take her away, Tom," said Hermione softly; "she's been with him all morning, and I'm sure he must be bored to death."

"Certainly," said Tom cheerfully, "though I think he looks pretty contented myself."

Hermione's one bit of discomfort was that Professor Benton was contented—too much so, with his surroundings. There was such a thing, she thought, as being too adaptable. Not that she would call him that, exactly, but she noticed that he often missed opportunities to elevate the minds of his friends. And his devotion to polo was too exasperating. She blamed Tom for that. Tom had even loaned Benton his best pony.

In August there was to be a polo match, and throughout July, which he spent at the Masters' cottage, Professor

Benton practiced assiduously. Kitty especially spurred him on. Mr. Shackleton said enthusiastically that he had discovered that Professor Benton's father had been a stock-broker and his grandfather an English squire. That accounted for the way the chap took hold of things; in fact, all the group who had adopted Professor Benton, seemed delighted with his interest in their vocations, except Kitty Rogerson's mother and Hermione. Mrs. Rogerson said vaguely that it was very nice to watch people come up, of course, but there was no telling what silliness Kitty might take into her head. For her part, she liked the English way of not letting a girl meet anybody who was not quite—quite—

Hermione felt that for such an intellect as Professor Benton's it was degrading to put so much energy in mere sport, as if it were an end in itself. Yet, just after he had been with her, she always justified him by saying that he was simply trying to rest his great mind to the end of some prodigious voyage into the realms of intricate science.



Masters leaned over, patted Meta, and spoke to her

The polo match came off on the last day of Professor Benton's stay with Tom Masters. It was held in the large meadow next the golf links. A pavilion and various refreshment tents had been erected for the spectators. Under a great elm tree there were two tables at which Hermione and Kitty were to preside.

Just before the match began, Hermione went to her table to see if all the arrangements were completed. Professor

Benton followed her to ask her if she would not brew him a cup of tea to hearten him before the contest. His manner was rather impressive as he asked the favor, and Hermione's hands trembled as she busied herself with the china and silver. Was he going to say anything? And oh, after all, did she want him to?

"I want to win in this match," Professor Benton said abruptly, "for your sake."

Hermione murmured that she did not care particularly for sport. If there could be such a thing as a contest in chemistry, now—

"How generous you are, and how well I know you," said Professor Benton, his fine eyes beaming. "I know, too, how much I owe you. You came to my classes, wishing to add to your full life a little smattering of chemistry—"

"Smattering—" murmured Hermione under her breath.

"You found me, and what was I? Incomplete. You were full of aspirations to help all the world; to show anyone who crossed your path that the rounded life was the best; that a specialty was not the desideratum—"

Hermione gazed at him fascinated.

"So, in your goodness, you used as your weapon, my love of chemistry. And you have brought me to this—"

He made a comprehensive gesture which included the four cottages of his friends and most of the horizon.

"You've been such an inspiration," he went on, "not intellectually, of course—a woman could not expect that—"

"I say, you two," interrupted Kitty's high voice, "we've come for tea. What are you talking about?"

She and Tom Masters strolled toward them.

"I believe," said Hermione, in a cold, pleasant voice, "that Professor Benton was about to say that no woman could be an intellectual inspiration to a man."

"Oh, come, Benton," said Tom Masters, with great delight in his soul, "you can't believe that, you know. What is she, then?"

"Why, rest—a charm for his leisure hours—"

"Nonsense; she should be much more than that," said Tom decidedly. "If her husband has a specialty she should know it in order to help him."

"She could never have more than a superficial knowledge of the subject if she were the sort of woman a man would fall in love with," said Professor Benton earnestly; "no reasonable woman would expect it. She would want to fill his heart and soul, but not his mind—"

"Tea! tea!" said Kitty.

Hermione poured it, while Tom said:

"Well, if ever I marry it must be a woman who has the power and the will to help me intellectually, as well as in other ways."

"See, they're calling us," cried Kitty. "It must be time to mount. How I do wish you two were on opposite sides."

The Shackletons, Merrivales, and Hudsons hurried up and escorted the two polo players to the ground, Hermione walking, with tight closed lips, beside her father. She made him find her and Kitty seats, and then she looked out steadfastly at the smooth polo ground, with its two gleaming white posts and fluttering flags. She was unaware of Kitty's chatter or of the spectators about her. She kept her lips firmly shut and watched the score of polo players ride, their gay caps set tightly or rakishly on their heads, their polo sticks ready to swing.

The signal was given, the ball was started, and the ponies trotted or cantered full tilt after it. The sharp crash of sticks sounded—a laugh rippled here and there when a player was awkward, and the white ball slowly made its way toward the white posts.

At first Hermione watched the game; then she watched Tom Masters and Professor Benton. Tom rode lightly and swung his stick easily. Benton rode hard and swung hard. Hermione noticed, first of all, that one pony near him began to limp and that its rider had to get a fresh mount. Then she noticed that in one or two rushes where he was the center, certain players on the other side, who had no second mount, reined away from him. In the intervals between the "clinches" she saw certain groups of

players gesticulating, with Benton evidently as the subject of their attention. During the plays she was aware that Tom Masters was protecting Benton as well as he could. Time and again he had an opportunity to cut in before him, and neglected to.

Presently Hermione saw that Benton was riding his pony with too tight a rein. The horse he rode (Masters' Meta) was a sensitive little creature, so well trained that she resented mismanagement. For a time she tried, in a bewildered way, to respond to guidance which her good sense told her was wrong. Then her nerves gave way, and she took hold of the bit and tried to play the game alone. When Hermione first realized this, the second half was well on. The players were excited and shouting. A rearer among the ponies was panting painfully, and the spectators' nerves were tense.

Benton was riding wildly, while little Meta was trying to follow the ball. There were several rushes together of the ponies, coming in quick succession. Then Hermione saw Meta pull strongly away from Benton. She saw him lift his stick and strike the pony over the head. She saw Masters gallop up, angrily raise his stick, and then drop it. A word or two passed between the men. Then Masters leaned over, patted Meta and spoke to her. The ball was driven between the posts, and both men galloped back to their places.

Hermione saw no more. The game ended; people poured toward the refreshment-tents for tea, and she went with Kitty to her table under the elm. She laughed and chatted mechanically with whomsoever approached her. It seemed to her forever before Tom Masters appeared, still pink from his work. Professor Benton was walking complacently behind with the Rogersons.

Something in Hermione's eyes drew Masters. She waited till he was quite close, and then she said tensely:

"Tom, I'm going to burn my chemistries, and never, never aspire to a scholar's life again."

"I wish you'd help me some day to patch up my happy-go-lucky life," he said in a low tone.

"Tom, I'm proud of you. I saw what he did to the pony, and how you wanted to brain him, and didn't. You can't do me a greater favor than to announce to them all to-day, our engagement. If anybody should have imagined I ever cared for anyone but you, I want to upset the idea as quickly as possible. Oh here is Professor Benton. Will you have some tea, Professor Benton? Tom, dearest, the sugar."

An Act of Providence

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I

O H, quick, quick, *monsieur;* tell me, please, who is the very distinguished old gentleman just about to take his seat—can you see?—over near the window? He is very *distingué.* An old soldier, I am sure.

She was easily the most beautiful of all the beautiful women in that fashionable grill. It was not entirely the wonderful regularity of her features, nor the matchless gradation of a perfect complexion, nor yet the symmetrical lines of the luxuriously simple gown that made her conspicuous among beautiful women. There was a verve, a picturesqueness; the inimitable poise of one who has bent the knee to royalty in a throne-room. In her excitement she leaned across the table and laid an exquisitely moulded hand on the arm of her companion. He



Colonel "Jack"

followed her gaze and, when he had located the object of her inquiry, he leaned back in his chair and laughed.

"I am not sure whether I should say he was distinguished or—or—notorious," said he, and the smile remained. "It is Colonel Jack Baintree, 'professional revolutionist,' we call him in Washington. He is apparently as vigorous to-day as he was thirty years ago—at least, so say the men who know him best—and he has served under every flag, or every excuse for a flag, that gave promise of anything exciting. The State Department — at least, the Foreign Office—dislikes him, principally, I presume, because he has been the cause of more international correspondence than any one man in the world. His dislike for us is more intense, I'll venture to say, because we have repudiated him of late. They had him in prison in Venezuela a short time ago and I'm blest if I know how he got out. He was on the winning side down in Hayti recently, but got into a row with Simon before the thing was well started and went over to Nord Alexis in time to get chased out of the country. However, the game evidently pays, because he never lacks money and—I believe he lives in this hotel. That, as you may well know, is, in itself, an indication of wealth."

"A soldier of fortune," she breathed, ecstatically. "How romantic. Tell me more of him."

"Why, I cannot recall anything offhand except—well, there was that little matter of Lombard, over in Japan, which annoyed the state department several years ago. But that was satisfactorily explained, I believe, so it really isn't much of a story."

"Oh, please, please, you must tell me about this—this Lombard matter. I am sure it is interesting."

"Well, Lombard was one of the correspondents during the Russo-Jap war and he was shot while attending the big jubilee fête in Tokio after the war was over. I don't recall the details, but I think Colonel Jack was with Lombard that night and there was trouble between the Japs and Baintree because of some old Chinese matter, and—well, anyway, they said Baintree shot Lombard, as I remember it, but Carstairs—secretary of our embassy, you know—made him a clerk, or something like that, and then transferred him somewhere else immediately so the Japs didn't get him. There was a deuce of a row about it but—well—oh, I say, I'm a rotten storyteller, am I not? I know I've said 'well' about forty times. Anyway, Colonel Jack is a nice old fellow when he isn't killing somebody."

"You know him then?"

"Oh, yes, I know him very well. Met him in Washington when I first entered the diplomatic service. He was making

it his business then to 'cultivate all the young blood,' as he put it."

Something smouldered in the woman's eyes that quite escaped the man. There was a very perceptible hesitation, quickly followed by a glint of daring purpose. When she spoke there was a soft, purring inflection in her voice.

"I would give anything to meet this —this old fire-eater."

"You would?" exclaimed the man, surprised. He laughed. "Well, that's easy enough. I'll get him."

The woman paled slightly and her nails made little crescents in her palms, so tightly clenched were they.

"What will he do? What will he do?" she murmured, and bit her lips nervously.

But when the broad shoulders of that grizzled old soldier bent above her there was no trace of nervousness.

"Miss Bertram," he was saying, with an infectious, benevolent smile, "I used to think that all the good luck in a man's life came while he was young. Mr. Bannister refutes the thought and puts the preponderance of evidence, as the lawyer chaps have it, on the side of old age. I could not believe my ears when he said that the most beautiful woman in New York wanted to meet me—me, a broken down old globe-trotter. In sixty-five years of life it is quite the prettiest compliment."

"Oh, Colonel Baintree, I am overcome," mockingly.

"Ah, my dear, my dear, you jest," said he, seating himself. "*Père* Time may tramp unhindered through our sinews but he leaves our eyes intact. In all the courts of the world there is not one—but no, I will desist. That is for youth —bright, hopeful youth. Too often it is snuffed out in the heyday of its powers, brimful of love and hope—pouf! just so," he snapped his fingers, "and a handful of dust is left, thousands of miles from home sometimes, to be buried in alien lands, 'unwept, unhonored and unsung.' It has come to be almost an obsession with me, my child—this fear of dying in an alien land."

Bannister laughed.

"Well, Colonel Jack," said he, "I'll wager that you would not die unnoticed anyway. And I guess the State Department would weep—tears of joy. You are not at the moment exactly *comme il faut* in the eyes of my respected chief, as I suppose you understand."

"Your chief, my dear boy, is a very worthy man, but very narrow and pigheaded," replied Baintree, with a somber smile; then, turning to the woman: "The government persistently and perniciously misunderstands me, Miss Bertram."

"A man of your talent, Colonel Baintree, need never be without appreciation," she said, and something in the quality of her tone caused the old soldier to glance at her quickly. She laughed audaciously.

"I have known of men, denied at home, who sought and found understanding and remuneration abroad."

"They were fortunate men, *mademoiselle*. And now, if you will pardon me, I will retire and get out of my harness. I was made for camps, Miss Bertram; conventional garb is my pet detestation. To-night, as always when I foregather with youth, I carry away thoughts to dream upon. For these, and your bright presence, I thank you. Good-night."

"An odd beggar," was Bannister's negligent comment.

"Yes, an odd beggar," said the woman, absently.

Baintree, his old pipe fired, sat for hours in "harness," gazing into blank space. Characteristically, as he prepared for bed, he recapitulated.

"Bannister is a harmless ass. But, apparently, he's valuable to Olga for some reason. Item: find the reason. Olga wants to use me because the government and I are not on speaking terms. Item: revile the government judiciously. No word from the chief in two days. That's odd. Item: wire to-morrow. With Olga in New York, where is the Colonel-Baron? Or do they still work together? Item: put Ed. out after the Colonel-Baron."

And so on, *ad lib.*, until he snapped off the light.

Then, in the wide-awake darkness:

"Magnificent! By jove, she's magnificent. What couldn't she and I have done



"Who is that distinguished old gentleman just about to take his seat?"

down there in Venezuela? Three years since Lombard died— poor Lombard. And she dragged him to his death. Three years. She hasn't changed a particle. I must square that account somehow. But how? Poor Bannister; he's in for it, too. Brace yourself, old Jack; brace yourself."

II

"Well, Mademoiselle Sanstache."

"Well, Maitre Homme D'Épée."

She laughed mockingly. Baintree's eyes twinkled.

"Old names trip lightly from your tongue, *mademoiselle,*" said he.

"Your tongue is no laggard, *monsieur,*" she returned.

Her rippling laugh brought animation to bored eyes at nearby tables.

"Yet I'll venture a guess that you did not bring me here to laugh at me, *mademoiselle.*"

"Ce n'est pas être bien aise que de rire, Monsieur. On commence par—"

"Taisez-vous," said he, sharply, but in guarded undertones, *"Les murailles ont des oreilles."* He laughed, sheepishly. "You surprised me into that." This in English. "I beg your pardon if I spoke sharply, but to use French is to court attention here. Well, continue. One begins by—"

"Ma foi, how you startled me. I could almost imagine we were back in—Tokio." She smiled at the sudden drawing together of his shaggy brows. "I was about to say only that one begins by being pleasant, no matter what the end may be. Did you expect some weighty secret, *monsieur,* the American Fox?"

"I think we might profitably eliminate the old names now, don't you?" he said, quietly indulgent.

Her eyes blazed in quick resentment.

"Don't patronize me, Maitre Homme D'Épée. You began it with that hateful old—old Berlin name. Who are you, a despised mercenary, to look down upon me? Why your own government disowns you. I, at least, am loyal to my paymaster, while you—you bit the hand that fed you. Don't forget poor old China and—"

"Taisez-vous," he cried again, stung beyond prudence.

Nearby heads raised curiously and well-bred expectancy shone for a moment in *ennuied* eyes, only to fade into whimsical disappointment before the genial benevolence of Colonel Jack Baintree's smile. But the woman saw the savagely working muscles at the back of his jaw, noted the tight little wrinkle at the corners of his eyes and the tiny drop of blood from the big, knotted hand that held the crushed match-safe. She felt the power that could force a smile when there was murder in the heart; a queer little chill crept over her. But when he spoke there was nothing save a slight hoarseness to denote the violence of his sudden rage.

"En vieillissant on devient plus fou et plus sage," said he, with a grimace and a shrug of his broad shoulders.

"Un sot trouve toujours un plus sot qui l'admire," she returned, prettily penitent. "I was angry—forgive me?"

"It is already forgotten. Now, if you please, to business. In the old days we could come to the point without—ah—undue circumlocution."

Instantly her manner changed. The mockery disappeared and she was tensely in earnest. She leaned across the table and spoke rapidly, in a low voice. Once he interrupted.

"Just a minute," he said. "Are you still with the Colonel-Baron?"

"Yes," she answered, bluntly.

He waved negligently for her to go on.

He listened quietly until she had quite finished. Then he laughed.

"Olga, ma chère," he said, *"jamais bon coureur ne fut pris.* You've heard the Colonel-Baron damn me too often. It must be in writing."

She drew a paper from the folds of her dress and tossed it across the table to him.

He read it slowly:

> I, John Baintree, in consideration of One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars paid upon the signing of this voucher, and for the further sum of Five Hundred ($500) Dollars, per month for each month that I shall continue in the service of the



Bannister stood for an instant gazing into it

Emperor of Japan, agree and do hereby solemnly avow that I shall perform each and every and all service required of me to the best of my ability, save only the single specific instance of fighting in actual warfare against the United States of America.

Signed,
FOR THE EMPEROR,
BARON TICHI HIGI.

"How considerate," said he, with a mocking smile. "That last clause, I mean. That's just like the Colonel-Baron. And I'm to get a Colonel's commision and a regiment within two years? And I'm to be safe-guarded from Japanese agents all over the world? I am, in fact, to be a very devil of a fellow. What for?"

The question was so abrupt it startled her. But she smiled as she pointed to the paper.

"Sign first, eh?" Baintree said and she nodded.

Without hesitation he signed, received the duplicate from her and carefully stowed it away in his wallet.

"What's the game?" was his terse query.

Once again she talked rapidly at him across the table while he listened without comment until she had concluded.

"In brief," said he, when she leaned back in her chair, "I am to help you get certain plans for contemplated fortifications in southern California, which Bannister now has with him and which he is to deliver to government engineers in Los Angeles. But I am not to take up the matter until you have made one more try to-morrow, when you have an appointment with Bannister—What was that?—oh, you have no appointment but will have one?" He laughed. "I guess you will if you want it, Olga. Anyway, I am to remain quiescent until further no-

tice. Now, one thing more. The little matter of the—ah—consideration, as the Colonel-Baron so aptly puts it."

"To-morrow morning as soon as the banks open."

"That's satisfactory. Of course, Olga, we understand each other. I'm not to be used in the United States unless it is necessary?"

"Agreed," she said, rising. "No, don't bother to come with me. I can go up alone. You have your nightcap here. Good-night."

He watched her graceful figure until she disappeared.

"Great Snakes," he mused, a retrospective smile on his rugged, old face. "What a truly wonderful liar that woman is." He drew out the paper and held it to the light. "U. S. Bond, Holyoke Mills, Mfrs." he read, in the watermark. He laughed softly. "And she brought this contract direct from the Colonel-Baron's office in Tokio. It must be so because she said so. Besides, the Colonel-Baron's signature is on it. Heigh ho! After all the experience that woman has had with me, too. I guess it's no compliment."

III

Colonel Baintree was awakened by a rap on his door. A note, addressed in a cramped, womanly chirography was handed in.

The old soldier smiled, as he read:

> HOMME D'EPEE:
> B. is called to Albany. I am visiting friends in Troy for the day and am riding up with him. He is overjoyed. Will return to-morrow. Await me.
> SANSTACHE.

Baintree laughed aloud.

"Visiting in Troy," he muttered, scornfully; then, aften an interval: "And he'll believe her. I would have believed her myself—thirty years ago."

The clerk informed him that Miss Bertram had paid her bill. A half dollar invested in head porter garrulity elicited the information that her trunks were held pending an order which was to come by noon. Noon, and the investment of another half-dollar, brought to Colonel Jack the copy of a telegram:

> Forward Miss Bertram's trunks to Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany.

"John," grunted the Colonel, with a gusty laugh, "if you don't cultivate a little more confidence in human nature you'll die of nervous prostration. This morning surely has been a strain on a man of your temperament."

The afternoon brought a message from Washington:

> Find Bannister of State Department. Unaccountable delay in delivery of papers to Governor Willett, California. Situation acute. Bannister's papers must not miscarry.

Colonel Jack looked grave.

"The woman is clever," he muttered. "The truth served her better than a lie and—she told the truth. I must find Bannister."

It was nearing midnight when he met Bannister in the lobby of the hotel.

"Well, young man," cried Colonel Jack, with assumed geniality, "what have you been doing with yourself? I haven't seen much of you to-day."

"Oh, I just ran up to Albany this morning on personal business," replied Bannister, negligently.

Then he started, looked guilty, and began to search his pockets.

"By Jove, you know, Colonel Jack, my memory has jolly well deserted me," said he. "Miss Bertram asked me to deliver a note to you and I'm blest if I know what I did with it."

Baintree had a premonition of evil.

"Did you leave Miss Bertram in Albany?" he queried, sharply.

"Leave—I—I leave Miss Bertram in Albany?" echoed Bannister in amazement. "Why, what the devil do you mean? Leave—I leave—who said Miss Bertram was in Albany?"

"Bannister," said Colonel Jack, his voice crisp, "where did you leave Miss Bertram? No—quit that—no heroics, please. You'll understand very soon, I reckon. Where is she?"

"Why—why, I left her in New York. But she was going to Boston, I believe she said. We rode down to the station

together. Now, see here, Baintree, what the devil do you mean? I—"

"Did she give you a telegram and tell you to send it from Albany?"

"Why, yes. It was intended as a surprise on someone here in the hotel. A little joke, you know; harmless enough in—"

"It's a joke, all right," grimly, "and it's on you. Find that note for me."

Baintree's jaws closed with a snap and his voice had a metallic ring. All geniality left his face. Now one might see the true inwardness of the man who spent his life scouring the world for dangerous enterprises.

Bannister felt it. He found the note and gave it to the other.

As Baintree read there came over his face an expression of devilish savagery.

Bannister unconsciously shivered.

"Go to your room, Bannister," Baintree said, quietly ominous, "and see if you still have the papers you were commissioned to deliver to Governor Willett. I'll go with you."

Bannister paled but attempted bluster.

"You be damned. Who are you to—"

Baintree turned back his coat-sleeve; a tiny emblem of the secret service was attached to the lining.

Bannister staggered.

"My God, Colonel Jack," he gasped, "you don't believe I—"

"To your room," was the terse rejoinder.

Bannister went directly to his trunk, extracted a metallic dispatch-box, opened it with a key which he wore on a gold chain about his neck, stood for an instant gazing into it with horrified eyes and then, with a gasping cry, pitched forward in a heap on the floor.

Baintree snarled something unintelligible and gazed helplessly about the room. His attention was arrested by the telephone. Immediately the light of action sprung to his eyes. He jerked the receiver from its hook.

"Long distance operator," he barked, savagely. "Eh? What's that?"

His tone changed to honeyed sweetness, in marked contrast to the black scowl on his face.

"I beg your pardon. You see I am in a great hurry. Yes, long distance, please."

Then, after a wait:

"Hello, government station? I want the secret service operator. Hello, No. 61? This is No. 30. I'm in New York. What are the sailings from Boston today—if any?"

Another wait. "Hello! *The Empire*, eh? For the Mediterranean? Good. Cut in on her, if you can, and keep me advised until I hear from the chief. No, don't call her. I'm afraid I'm beaten but I want to keep in touch with her as long as possible. That's all."

He pulled out the note and re-read it. It was in French:

> MONSIEUR, THE AMERICAN FOX:
>
> I am leaving for the Mediterranean. I regret that I will not have the pleasure of working with you, but I do not require your aid. Besides which, I would not deprive the American spy-system of one of its venerable pensioners.
>
> Poor old Homme D'Epée: why did you not honor your own country with your service before you entered upon your second childhood? I think this little coup will be ample revenge for the trick you and that fool, Carstairs, turned on me in Tokio.
>
> Good-by, poor old man.
>
> SANSTACHE.

IV

Baintree knocked gently at Bannister's door. He entered, in response to a low-toned call, with a half-smile on his face, and found Bannister sitting hunched up in a chair and staring at the carpet vacantly, his face haggard and worn, a hopeless despair marking the usually debonair features.

Colonel Jack laid a hand on his shoulder.

"Come, old man," said he, gently, "look alive! Providence is kind to us."

He whistled softly in surprise and, reaching forward, took up the revolver that peeped from a half-open drawer. "You had gotten as far as this, eh?" he continued, his quiet voice almost paternal. "Well, there's no harm done by the thought. It's to your credit, in fact. But your death would not have altered the



"Japan does not want that rupture averted"

matter in the least. Come now, brace yourself and get to packing. You leave for California to-night."

The hopeless eyes kindled.

"Baintree—Colonel Jack—you don't mean—?" he began, eagerly.

Then, realizing the situation, he returned to his brooding.

"Don't mock me, Baintree. Heavens, think of it! How can I ever show my face in Washington again? That woman! Oh, that Woman!"

His hands clenched convulsively and he hissed the words through set teeth.

"No man could have done what she did. And she — I — Heavens, Baintree, think of it—I loved her—I asked her to be my wife."

His head went forward in his hands and he wept. Great, gulping sobs shook his frame. Baintree, with a glance of pity, walked to the window.

"Let him realize," he muttered. "It will do him good later."

He balanced the revolver in his hand.

"I guess I didn't get here any too soon. If it's experience the boy needs he surely is getting it."

He waited until the sobs died away, then drew a chair to the table across from Bannister and smoothed out a yellow slip of paper.

"Bannister," he said, quietly, "pull yourself together and listen to me. No, I'm not going to preach. Heaven knows I have no right to preach for I have been the greater fool. I knew the woman and you didn't. But I want to explain things to you. Now, as to Olga Everett. She is the cleverest woman spy in the world, bar none. She is no longer young—though she certainly can keep up appearances—for I met her at least fifteen years ago in Berlin and she was then attached to the secret service of one of those little Balkan states. She looked no younger then than she does to-day. Better men than you, older and more experienced men, have been beaten by Olga Everett. Your chief knows that, so you need not take it to heart so much. This is, as it were, preliminary to what I want to say to you—what I am ordered to say to you, I might say."

Bannister glanced up quickly.

Colonel Jack smiled.

"Yes," he continued, "you are still in the service. Furthermore, not even your present commission is withdrawn. But more of that later. You were commis-

sioned to deliver certain papers into the hands of Governor Willett. Those papers stood for something, as you might have guessed, when the department would not trust 'em to the mails. Well, they stood for just this: California threatens Anti-Japanese legislation, not— mark this— not for any of the reasons that the newspapers have been loudly spouting about, but to force the government to do certain things for California which they think they deserve and should have. In short, California wants adequate protection when the time comes—as it surely will— when Japanese war-vessels will be knocking at her doors. The government has admitted the need of fortifications, but laughs at the possibility of war. Washington has been making tremendous efforts to establish an effective *entente cordiale* with Japan. Everyone knows that. Here was California's opportunity. Give us our fortifications, says she to the government, or we'll put you into bad odor with the Mikado.

"The government just laughed.

"Then, to prove she was in earnest, California brought forward legislation, with the avowed purpose of making it into a law, which was a deadly insult to Japan. Of course they say that the action of a state does not bind the government. But it does, just the same. And Washington knows it does. So the government took steps to avert the rupture. You had all the plans here in this hotel with you— plans for harbor defenses and all sorts of promises. When they were delivered to Governor Willett no more would be heard of Anti-Japanese legislation. But—now mark this, Bannister; it explains things—*Japan does not want that rupture averted.* Kokura wants to put the United States in the wrong before the nations of the world. Then, in a few years, when her vast war-debt is liquidated, Japan can easily stir up a muss when we are unprepared—which is all the time, between you and me—and can point to a persecution by the United States covering a period of years. That means the sympathy and support of the European powers, or, at the least, their neutrality. To further this policy Japan has dumped half its secret service into the United States. You were one of the victims—the chief victim, I might say. If the papers you carried were delayed until the California bills became laws, no amount of reconsideration or wiping off could make amends for the insult. Do you get the point? California leaders are mad clear through. If you didn't arrive on time, the administration might send any number of telegrams, or messages, but so long as the actual goods did not come it is fair to assume that the impatient Westerners would carry out their threat and pass the Anti-Japanese bills. That's why Olga Everett, the best of Japan's secret service agents, laid the trap for you. Then, too, the plans themselves would be mighty useful to Japan. Now do you see what you were up against, boy?"

"Why, Baintree, it's vast—it's international," gasped Bannister.

"Very much so," grinned Colonel Jack. "Not only international but damned disagreeable. The government is wise, now, Bannister; I had a long talk with my chief this morning over the wire. A duplicate set of those plans and things are on the way. So you start to-night in a special train with the biggest bodyguard from the service that you'll ever have again—unless you get to be President."

"Duplicates, Baintree?" cried the puzzled Bannister. "Did you say duplicates? Why, they'll never build forts from plans that are in the hands of—"

Baintree laughed and tossed the yellow slip across the table to him.

This is what Bannister read:

No. 30, HOTEL ———,
Steamship *Empire,* bound for Mediterranean ports, rammed by tramp steamer, *Yucatan,* 28 miles off Nantucket, in deep fog. Passengers transferred to *Yucatan* as *Empire* is sinking. When fog lifts passengers will be transferred to Green Star liner, *Arctic,* which is standing by, and will be brought to New York. Congratulations.
No. 61, GAINSARK STATION.

The Bump of Destiny —

By Kenneth Brown
Illustrations by Horace Taylor



The barber was not a conversationalist

ALL the world knows Dr. Canbaugh's Concussion Hair Grower, the most widely advertised, as well as the most humanly beneficial invention of our young century. Yet only a few years ago it was unknown, and Dr. Canbaugh himself was an ordinary rising young physician of Spoonersville, Indiana.

Opportunity knocked at his door in the guise of a bald-headed man. The doctor seized it, and to-day the sun never sets on the portraits of him, which stare at you from the humblest fence or loftiest crag, from every paper and every magazine you may pick up. His face, once only known to Spoonersville, Indiana, now is as familiar as President Taft's—or even Roosevelt's.

One day, when the doctor was still unknown, Wince Harvey was sitting in a train going towards Spoonersville, and diligently casting about in his mind for an excuse.

He was a man over thirty, wearing a full beard and hair cut *à la* pompadour. His face was round and self-satisfied, and his appearance indicated the skilled workman's plenteous possession of money. His forehead sloped back too much, but there was no lack of cunning in his glance.

"Back to home and wife's the ticket," Wince murmured to himself, scratching his head, "but what kind of a talkfest will I give her?"

He had been away from his wife for three years, and this, which had never worried him before, suddenly loomed up awkwardly. All his life Wince had let responsibilities slide off his shoulders. The ability to earn a good living had come so easily to him that he had never had to look on the world as a serious proposition. In a higher social plane, his irresponsibility would have been "artistic temperament." Unfortunately for him, he was a house, not a landscape-painter, and his discomfort increased as the train progressed from one well remembered station to another. Yet he had no more thought of denying himself the pleasure of returning to his wife, now that the wish moved him, than he had thought of denying himself the pleasure of "shaking" her three years before.

It did not occur to Wince to go home and beg forgiveness. He had too much money in his pocket to appear as the returned prodigal. He had simply roamed about enough, and the *wanderlust* was burned out of him, for the time being, at any rate. The desire for a home was strong upon him; and, on mature consideration, he had never seen a woman he liked as well as Mary. He'd treat her well, too; and probably she'd be mighty

glad to have a man to take care of her again.

Wince bolstered up his courage with every argument he could think of. Nevertheless, he still sought eagerly for a good, stout excuse—one that would stand the wear and tear of daily use. The nearer home he came the more clearly he remembered the firm outline of his wife's chin, and the flash that could come into her gray eyes. Then, too, a fact struck him as unfortunate, which hitherto had only appealed to his sense of humor.

During his absence he had never written her or sent her a cent. Hitherto this had afforded him a malicious pleasure. "She would see what it was to get along without him," he would say to himself. Now he wished that he had at least sent her a few dollars occasionally. Then he could say that he had left her in the hope of bettering them both, and that hard luck and sickness had followed him and prevented his sending her more.

"Sickness! I wished I *had* been sick."

He put his hands to his plump cheeks: he had put on thirty pounds since leaving Spoonersville.

"Mary wouldn't hardly know me with this beard and this fat," he reflected.

When he had gone away from her he had let his beard grow and had assumed another name, more because these seemed suitable things to do than because there was any need of disguise. From his beard his thoughts wandered to his pompadoured hair, which had been wont to lie plastered down flat in Spoonersville, and for the first time an idea popped into his head which caused him to grin hopefully.

"What's the matter with me shaving off my hair. Somebody hit me on the head, and I was sick and lost all my hair—same time I lost my mem'ry of all that had happened previously to this sad event."

He thought over this plan with growing elation.

"B'jee, I've got it," he exclaimed to himself, softly, a minute later. "When I get to Spoonersville, I'll bump my nut again, and get my mem'ry back. Plenty of cases like that."

The train was drawing into Clearwater, as he arrived at this decision, and he made up his mind to get off here, affect the necessary alterations, and go on to Spoonersville by the afternoon train. Seizing his grip he descended from the car and made his way to one of the cheap hotels that Clearwater boasts, and seated himself in the barber's chair.

"I want the whole top of my head shaved as clean as a marble-top table," he told the barber. "Had a disease once, and if I don't shave it every few months, my hair begins to fall out."

The barber was one of his profession who was not a conversationalist. He obeyed without comment, rather to Wince's disappointment. Wince had anticipated incredulity, and had looked forward to exercising his ingenuity in dispelling it. Men like to use the faculties of which they feel themselves masters, and Wince was expert in giving some other than the true reason for the things he did.

When the barber had finished with him, he was surprised, himself, at the alteration in his appearance.



"Back to home and wife's the ticket"



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"I guess she'll believe all right that something happened to me—with that head on. I'll keep it shaved for awhile; then the hair can come in again—from the joy at being with wifie," he ended with a chuckle.

When Wince boarded the afternoon-train he was startled to come upon old Mrs. Goodbody, who had been his next door neighbor during his short married life. He was hastily backing through the door of the car when her eyes met his, and passed over him without recognition. Beard and fat had him well disguised.

Reassured, Wince stopped and looked up and down the crowded car, as if searching for a vacant place.

"Is this seat taken, ma'am?" he asked.

"No, sir," the old woman answered cordially, "and I'll be glad to have you set here with me. I aint one of them that don't want to talk to strangers. Be you a stranger in this part of Indianny?"

He considered her question gravely before answering it.

"Well, ma'am, I don't know whether to say I am, or I'm not."

"Bin away sence you was a boy, I suppose?" the old woman surmised encouragingly.

"N-n-o, I can't hardly say that either. I don't suppose there is another man in the United States just in my fix—leastways I never heard of one."

Wince paused impressively.

"Two or three years ago I was held up by a lot of tramps and pretty near beat to death. They stole my money and clothes, and left me insensible with an old ragged suit that wouldn't more'n hold together. I was took to a horspitle and when I come to, I couldn't no more have told you who I was than I could a-flown."

"For the land's sake!" old Mrs. Goodbody exclaimed. "And aint you never found out sence?"

"No'm. Now and again I have a kind of far-away yearnin' for some place or some person—I can't tell what it is. Mebbe it's the old farm where I was born; mebbe it's my wife or mother: *I* can't tell you. I just know that it aint the place where I'm at, and that's all. This here yearnin' gets so strong sometimes that I have to get up and move on,

no matter how comfortable I'm fixed. That's why I'm here now. I left a good job back in Herculaneum, got on the train, and come away."

"Say! they'd ought to write up about you in the papers. There might somebody read about it, and write you who you was. Mebbe it's somewhere about here that you was born, and that makes you have this curious drawed feeling."

"I shouldn't be surprised if it was," Wince answered sadly. "I keep hoping that somebody will come up and slap me on the back, and say, 'Win—' Ahem! ahem! I got a cinder down my throat that time all right, all right. As I was going to say, I wished somebody would come up and say to me, 'Hullo, Bill'—or whatever my name is—'how are you getting along?' "

"You don't even know your name?" Mrs. Goodbody asked compassionately.

"No'm. You see, those fellers took all my clothes, except my collar. That had a laundry mark on it, 'X 49'—but that aint no name for a grown man," he went on humorously. "Might do for a kid, but I wasn't going to stand for it. I call myself Jim Peters, just so's to have something to answer to."

Old Mrs. Goodbody was entranced by this mysterious stranger with his remarkable history.

"Well, if that don't beat anything I ever heard of in Spoonersville!" she exclaimed.

"Spoonersville!" Wince repeated, starting.

"Yes, does it sound as if you'd ever bin there?" she asked eagerly.

Wince sank back, pressing his hand to his forehead.

"It sounds like a name that I had heard of dimly—far away," he answered, sighing profoundly. He wagged his bald head. "No, ma'am, it's gone. It was a sudden feeling—like a rabbit jumping across the road in front of you—and now it's went. No, Spoonersville is no more to me than any other name. And yet it did seem as if my poor, beaten head for a moment had rang at the mention of it. Perhaps I only drempt it, or suthin'."

Through the windows of the train Wince began to recognize familiar places. In a few minutes he would be at home, and then would come the disagreeable necessity of a counter bump to restore his stricken wits. He made a grimace at the notion. He did not relish getting a thump that would be hard enough to carry off three years' desertion



"She married the toniest young doctor in town"



"I don't suppose there's another in the United States just in my fix"

of Mary. He turned to Mrs. Goodbody:

"Did there happen to be anybody in Spoonersville who was lost and his friends never heard of him again?"

She shook her head, much as she would have liked to claim such an interesting man for her town.

"No, there wasn't no such person. There was a good-for-nuthin' young feller named Wince Harvey, who ran away from his wife three years ago; but it couldn't have been him."

Wince was staggered at this caustic characterization of himself. He had always taken a lenient view of his own actions, and these words, and the contemptuous tone, came as a shock. He coughed behind his hand, twice.

"Ran away from his wife, did he?" he stammered, his flow of language gone.

"Yes, the mean hound. He left the prettiest young wife you ever saw without a cent. If she hadn't a-gone back to her folks on the farm, I don't know what she'd a-done. I'm mighty glad she got a better man for No. 2."

"W-h-a-t!" Wince cried. "Got a No. 2?"

This possibility, curiously enough, had never occurred to him.

"When'd she get a divorce?"

"'Bout six months ago—though she could a-saved herself the trouble, for there was a tramp killed on a freight train comin' into Spoonersville, and the body was identified positively as him. She didn't go to see it herself, and I can't say as I blame her, though there was those as did."

Wince sat stunned. He took off his hat and rubbed his bald head.

Mrs. Goodbody continued with animation:

"She's done a sight better for herself this time. She married the toniest young doctor in town. Will Canbaugh's his name. He and her was raised on the next farms to each other, and they say he always was sweet on her; but while he was away to Philadelphy, studyin', this here Wince Harvey I was a-tellin' you about, nipped in and got her. Lived with

her less'n a year, before he up and ran away. Money-makin' young feller he was, too; but the only one he liked to spend it on was himself."

As Wince Harvey listened to these words, a sense of injury began to burn within him. They'd called some dirty tramp on the railroad him, had they? And now she'd gone and got married—and left him out in the cold, had she? Well, he guessed he'd have something to say about that. He'd hunt up this tony doctor and punch his ugly block so that Mary, nor no other woman, would want him as a husband. He'd show 'em! No. 2 was better than No. 1, was he? Well, before he'd got through with them, they'd laugh out of the other side of their mouths.

The primitive rage of the male at seeing his female appropriated seethed within him.

The train was slowing up at Spoonersville, and Wince rushed for the door. He saw red before his eyes. Such a blind passion possessed him that he forgot all about his carefully laid plans. Murder and destruction alone could satisfy him. The feeling of being the wronged party was all the stronger for having been preceded by a sneaking sense of being the injurer.

Before the train came to a standstill he jumped from the car. His ankle turned, and he fell headlong against one of the iron pillars which supported the cover of the station platform. His head came against it with a bump that would have satisfied the most sceptical of wives, and he lay quite still.

Of course the railroad officials took the best of care of Wince. They were afraid of a suit for damages, which before the average corporation-hating jury would be almost sure to succeed, although they had not been the least at fault. Wince was taken to the small hospital maintained jointly by the six doctors of Spoonersville, and there came under the care of Dr. Canbaugh, and received the best of attention that ambitious young physician could give him.

In three weeks Wince had completely recovered from his accident, except in one respect. That which he had intended shamming had come true: he had completely lost his memory—much to the relief of the railroad company. He was quite harmless and cheerful, and grad-



His ankle turned and he fell headlong

ually got back all his faculties except the memory of what he had been before he was hurt. He went by the name of Peters, old Mrs. Goodbody having told his peculiar story to all who would listen.

As Wince's convalescence progressed, he became an object of increasing interest to his physician.

"Jim," the latter said one day, "do you know that when you were brought to this hospital you were as bald as an egg?"

"Is that so?" Wince exclaimed, fingering the luxuriant crop of short hair sprouting on top of his head. "Well, I'd ought to get something for losing my mem'ry. It's pretty tough on a man, I can tell you. I might a-been a rich man, for all I know. Did I look like I was one, when I come here?" he asked anxiously.

"No, poor fellow, you didn't. But what I'm wondering is what made your hair grow again. I can see nothing to have caused it, unless it was the concussion of your fall. If I could only obtain the same results by some less severe method—"

"Why don't you try concussing their heads a lot of times easy, instead of once so hard?" Wince suggested.

"Ha!" cried the doctor; and it was from this chance germ of thought that there was evolved the now famous Concussion Hair Grower.

Civilization in its advance may deprive men of their teeth, of their eyesight, of their bodily vigor—of all the fine faculties of savage men, but their hair is secure, thanks to the Concussion Grower.

And Wince, the unwitting cause of it all, is cherished, in Spoonersville, as the parent tree of the navel orange is cherished in the West, or the mother vine of the Muscalonge grapes in the South. His hair waves like Paderewski's, and he basks in the universal belief that he once was bald-headed, and his hair restored by a blow, for the good of mankind.

Two years after the invention of Dr. Canbaugh's Concussion Hair Grower, a man happened to visit Spoonersville during the State Firemen's Tournament. To this man Wince was pointed out, and his history related.

The man looked closely at Wince and ejaculated:

"Shucks!"

He was the barber who had shaved Wince's head in Clearwater. An instant later he remarked, "Shucks!" again. But that was all he ever said on the subject. As has already been explained, he was not a talkative man.

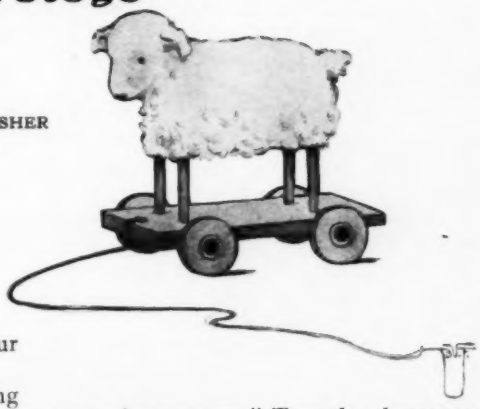


Wince is cherished in Spoonersville

"Suretogo"

BY LESLIE ADAMS

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DON'T play shipwreck in the bath-tub; mind everything Auntie says; don't make any more pictures on the wall paper — "

Betty nodded in promise to these solemnly.

"And don't stick any beans up your nose."

Kissing Betty hurriedly and waving good-by to Aunt Hattie, Mrs. Deane hurried down the steps and away.

Betty sat down on the doorsteps and watched her till she was out of sight.

"Don't play in the bath-tub;" that was easy because she didn't want to anyway. "Mind Auntie;" easy again because Auntie rarely got far enough out of the realms of literature to give commands. "Don't make pictures on the wall;" well, that was all sorts of fun, but one got spanked too hard afterward to make it worth while.

But, "Don't stick beans up your nose!"

That was fascinating, although Betty had never heard of such a thing before. Why had mother told her not to put beans up her nose? To be sure one had swallowed shoe-buttons, but that was quite different. Maybe beans in one's nose was a delicious sensation that older people tried to keep all to themselves. Betty's imagination soared. The more one thought about it the more one leaned toward it, it was so utterly beyond one's own wildest flights of possibilities.

Betty got up and started for the kitchen.

First get your beans.

By dint of wheedling and a polite fabrication about a possible bean-bag, cook gave her a handful and peremptorily turned her out.

Betty had a place for doing everything; when one felt sad and wanted to cry, one took the picture-book and looked a long time at the picture of "There was a man in our town." True the rhyme was rather comforting at the last, but the picture was nothing short of harrowing to see his eyes sticking nonchalantly on brambles. This was always done behind the library door. And when one wanted to feel solemn and like saying prayers, there was always the picture in the parlor of the little cherubs leaning over a cloud. You always got behind the spindly sofa to feel the full effect of this. But where was the proper place to stick beans up one's nose?

Aunt Hattie was in the garden, so there was the whole house to choose from.

Bettie decided that the grand piano offered possibilities, so she sat on the bars underneath and started in.

The first bean didn't feel very good, so she put in another in the other side. "Ugh;" that wasn't nice either. Maybe you had to poke them further up.

"I guess I'd better take them out," she said aloud to herself, "it's so funny anyway."

But beans are a lot easier to put up one's nose than to take out.

Betty was a little frightened, but still diplomatic enough to see the danger of telling Auntie. Cook would do nicely though, so she went back to the kitchen, breathing painfully, and trying to get her nerve up to attract the attention of that very busy person.

At last she said as quietly as she could, "I've god a bead id by dose."

Cook stared stupidly and without comprehension, so Betty repeated, "I've god a bead id my dose. I've god dwo beads id by dose."

And Betty touched that now very aching member.

"Fur the love av hivin;" ejaculated Birdie, electrified into action and running around wildly with no ultimate aim.

Betty watched her a moment in disgust. "Bigs" were so excitable. "Bigs" was Betty's name for grown-ups.

Finally she said, "Bebber bight do id."

"Pepper?" repeated Birdie.

"Yes, id bight bake be sdeeze."

"The mind av her," muttered Cook, grabbing the pepper-pot and shaking it wildly around in front of Betty.

The beans proved obdurate, but at last Betty and Cook were seized by a mutual paroxysm, and the beans were dislodged.

When Betty got back her breath she thanked Cook, and with the tears streaming down her face from the effects of the pepper she begged her not to tell.

"I've been punished enough, and you'll be scolded for giving them to me anyway, if mother finds out," she announced.

And with Birdie's assurance of secrecy and a cookie she left the kitchen in a very chastened mood. Her nose and throat were too sore to make the cookie very tempting, but Angostura might like it, so she found that battered specimen of dollhood and went out on the front steps to attend to her offspring and incidentally get into fresher air.

Angostura was the most disreputable looking doll that Betty had, and she had so many that she could hardly remember their very stylish and many syllabled names. Angostura was a nondescript with a sawdust filled body and a rubber head which was replaced every Christmas with an exact replica of the old one. The reason was because Betty always bit off Angostura's nose the day after Christmas. Why, no one ever knew, least of all Betty, but that rubber member afforded a most grewsome fascination till it had been nibbled off and usually swallowed, and, besides, you could feed Miss Bitters a lot better through the aperture thus made. Betty cried for hours, regularly, after the fell deed was accomplished, but she went on doing it.

After she had poked most of the cookie into Angostura's placid face she noticed that her own nose felt better and she was tired of sitting still.

"Wonder if the chicken's a skeleton yet?" she thought.

The chicken had died a week previous and had been buried with much pomp and ceremony in the middle of Aunt Hattie's bed of pansies. Betty had dug it up every day to see if it was a skeleton — somehow the thought interested her — and so she and Angostura went out to the pansy burial plot. But Auntie was there and she objected to having her flowers trampled on.

"Anyway," confided Betty to the doll, "she'd make such a fuss about the chicken if she knew."

Bigs, especially Aunts, are apt to dislike dead chickens.

Suddenly she spied Mrs. Hearne turning in at the gate. Betty particularly disliked Mrs. Hearne, but it would be fun to get in the house and entertain her while Auntie was washing her hands, so she ran into the house and was seated demurely in the parlor when Mrs. Hearne was shown in.

"How do you do," she said, slipping down off the chair with the doll still in her arm. "Wont you sit down? Aunt Hattie will be here in a minute."

Mrs. Hearne was a large, fussy woman of the talkative type, who wasn't very fond of children. Feeling that something was expected of her, however, she smiled weakly and asked:

"What's your dolly's name, Little Girl?"

"Angostura Bitters," sweetly replied Betty.

How she hated to be called "little girl!"

"What an extraordinary name. Where did you ever get such an idea?"

"Papa said that she looked like Angostura Bitters tasted," replied Betty. "And it's such a lovely name that I named her that right away."

"Why, that's the name of a liquor!"

sniffed Mrs. Hearne. "I'm really surprised. What is your doll's nose cut off for?"

"Cats' fur to make kitten-britches," answered Betty, smilingly.

"Why, Elizabeth Deane!" came Aunt Hattie's voice from the door. "I'm surprised and shocked. Leave the room at once."

"Please let me stay, Auntie. I'll be very quiet, only I don't think she can do it."

"Do what?" asked Aunt Hattie.

Mrs. Hearne looked interested.

"Why, talk your arm off. Papa said she always did."

"Run and play, Elizabeth. I don't care what you play, only go at once."

Betty left the room slowly. Out on the library-table were a pair of scissors that looked as if they might be interesting. One couldn't cut up books, but she decided to take them with her. A wonderment as to Auntie's arm led her back to the doorway. The two were talking so busily that neither noticed her as she slipped along the wall till she was behind Mrs. Hearne's chair.

That lady was sitting in a big rattan rocker and she was of the build that bulges out at all the cracks and corners. Betty touched some of the lumps tentatively with her fingers. Mrs. Hearne was too interested in her conversation to notice, so Betty tried the scissors.

Mrs. Hearne moved forward a little and squirmed uneasily. Betty gave a really hard poke through the chair back this time. Mrs. Hearne turned around.

"I wish you'd please stop stabbing me," she said, acidly.

Aunt was horrified.

"Elizabeth, go upstairs and shut yourself in the closet at once!"

"Mayn't I poke her just once more and then stop?" pleaded Betty.

Aunt Hattie was crimson.

"Elizabeth, you come with me; no hanging back now, you come."



"Don't stick any beans up your nose"

And she took Betty by the hand, marched her up to her mother's closet, and locked her in.

At first Betty was afraid of being alone in the closet. There might be bears or spiders, but after a minute had elapsed and nothing happened of an alarming nature she cast about for something to do to amuse herself.

Angostura had been left downstairs, but it might be fun to try on mother's hats. It was, and it amused her for fully five minutes, but when one can't see one's self — but oh, she could trim them! The scissors were still in her hand, and she started to take off the trimming. After she had cut off all there was, on the four that she could reach, she found there was no way to fasten the trimming back on except by cutting holes and sticking things in. They wouldn't stay on in a wind, but you could get the effect nicely.

When Betty was very happy or busy she always sang, and her repertoire was limited to hymn-tunes that she had heard in Sunday school. So she slashed, trimmed, and sang at the top of her lungs.

Luncheon had passed in the meantime and Aunt Hattie thought rather guiltily of the baby shut in the closet, hungry, and probably frightened and sorry. So she hurried up-stairs, as soon as her guest had departed, to let the culprit out.

As she reached the top of the steps she could hear Betty singing lustily.

"Poor little tot," thought Auntie, "singing to keep her courage up."

And with a feeling almost akin to guilt, she threw open the closet door.

There sat Betty surrounded with plumes and flowers and the bits of ribbon that had so recently adorned her mother's best millinery.

Aunt Hattie stood appalled before such hideous naughtiness. For a moment speech failed her, then the vials of her wrath, and there were enough to stock an apothecary shop, were emptied on Betty's head, which was somewhat protected by her mother's erstwhile best hat.

Betty's lip quivered.

"I was jus' makin' 'em prettier," she said, dolefully. "I didn't mean to spoil 'em."

Auntie softened. After all Betty was just a baby and it was for her mother to correct her on such an occasion, so she somewhat lamely finished the tirade by promising to tell mother all about it, and warning Betty against further transgressions in the meantime.

Betty came out of the closet slowly. Her heart was very sore within her, and besides, mother could be very cross. Auntie went downstairs, found a particularly engrossing book and was soon lost to all things mundane.

Betty tried scratching pictures on the piano for a while, but she happened to think it might be classed with drawing on the wallpaper, and she left the task when only the top board of the piano had been decorated. Then she spied her toy-bank and took it off the shelf and shook it to see how heavy it was. It was awful heavy.

"Might have as much as a dollar in it," thought Betty.

Betty's ideas as to the value of money were vague.

"Wonder if I could get it out?"

No sooner said than tried. First a dime, then a penny, and then a regular tream dropped out in her lap.

"O-oh, such a lot of money," breathed Betty. "Wish I could play 'go shopping.'"

And then came the blinding flash of inspiration. Why *not* go shopping? Betty had often seen the queer little shop near the school; she could find her way easily. Mother would be furious, but she was due to be punished in any event about the hats.

"Who cares?" said Betty. "Guess I'll be bad anyway."

Mind you, Betty had never been beyond the confines of her own yard alone before in all her life.

"I mustn't try to get my hat," thought Betty, "or Auntie will notice me when I go past the library-door."

So, taking the money, tied in a knot in her handkerchief and firmly clutched in her little hand, she slipped down the steps, across the walk, and very quietly through the high gate.

"My, but I'm bad," said Betty aloud. 'Guess I'll say bad words. Devilsonofa-

gun." Betty trembled at her own temerity. Then as an afterthought, with a quick glance around her to see if anyone would hear, she added, "Gosh!" That was the word she had been punished once for saying.

It was glorious, walking down the street alone. Nobody would ever dream of letting her, but if Rosy, who was a Poor Child and lived in the neighborhood, was permitted to carry a pail to the beer-store and get lovely pretzels, why not she? And anyway, candy-stores weren't as bad as beer-stores.

Betty had gone about two blocks when an awful thought struck her. There were railroad tracks to cross! All the horrible stories she had heard of children who had crossed railroad-tracks flashed across her mind. Betty's heart quailed.

"Guess I'll sit down beside them awhile and see if anybody gets killed," she said.

Accordingly she sat down on a curb and watched the dreaded rails for a long time. Betty had a hazy idea that engines jumped out at you from underneath, or somewhere, when you tried to cross, and it was with mingled horror and interest that she watched an old man approach. Ought she to warn him? He was a Big and probably knew all about them, she decided, but at every step he took, Betty's heart thumped harder. When he had crossed she experienced a curious sensation of relief and disappointment. Then she watched a fat old lady; after which a newsboy, and then a lot of people crossed without even hesitating.

Nothing happened. Betty's interest waned. It seemed as if she had been sitting there for ages, for wasn't the money burning holes in her handkie, and even



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"What is your doll's nose cut off for?"

in her hand? Suspicion as to the veracity of Bigs gradually spread in her mind. She knew there wasn't any real Easter Bunny, and she had heard Santa Claus' existence impugned. Maybe railroads were another myth. As the suspicion rose, so it grew, with lightning-like rapidity. Betty's faith wavered, then she got up and trudged firmly and with daring slowness across the iron rails. Alas for the illusions of childhood!

At the end of the next block stood the candy-store. It was tiny, and had a queer, fascinating odor, a sort of sticky smell that was unlike anything else. She paused a moment on the threshold and then walked boldly to the counter.

There was a little black-eyed old lady on the other side of the counter and Betty bowed politely to her.

"I want some candy, please, and some toys," she announced, casually.

"What kind of candy?" asked the lady.

"Oh, I want some of the kind that has pennies in it."

And she pointed to the round squashy balls that had cocoanut sprinkled on them. The lady took out the glass dish and set it on the counter for Betty to choose. Betty pinched one. No penny in that, but the next one had something hard in it.

"I'll take them all," she said grandly. "And I want some balloons that squawk and some licorice strings and some ice-cream pies in tins with a spoon and I want some — "

Betty's nose was pressed tightly against the glass showcase.

"Have you any money?" asked the little old lady.

What impertinence!

"Yes," answered Betty modestly. "I've got four nickels, two quarters, seven pennies and eight dimes. And four silver dollars," she added as an afterthought.

The lady seemed impressed.

"And I want some of the kind of candy that changes color when you lick it, and some all-day suckers, and what kind of toys have you?"

The lady waved her hand around vaguely. "All kinds," she said. "Dolls?"

Betty shook her head. She had fourteen, not counting Angostura.

"And toy-dogs and mechanical toys — that you wind up, you know."

Betty brightened.

"I'll take a dozen," and she tried to look like mother did when she ordered groceries. "Oh yes, and I want some of those funny sticky little men all different colors, undressed you know, made of candy."

The lady nodded understandingly.

"And I like the nigger ones best," Betty added.

"That's all you've got money for," said the little lady. "But I'll give you a toy lamb for good measure."

Betty smiled her thanks haughtily as befitted a lady shopper who has bought a big bundle's-worth, put all her purchases, unwrapped, in her apron, which she held up by the corners, and started out.

"Where's your money?"

The lady's tone was very sharp.

Betty came back with her chin in the air.

"Oh, I forgot," she said in a bored tone. "You may keep the handkie for a good measure."

As the lady had said this to her it must be good form to say it back.



"O-o-o! Such a lot of money!"

When Betty reached the tracks on her return trip she never vouchsafed them a thought. The apron was getting heavy and the little fat legs were tired, but Betty was so eager to get home and investigate each toy separately that she never noticed. Only once did she halt, and that was when she let go of one corner of her apron and all the things slipped out and onto the dusty street. The candy, some of which she had sampled, then dropped back into the heap, got awfully dirty, so she finished eating it because no one else would want it. And once a little yellow cur dog came and barked at her heels and she switched him with one of the licorice strings.

Nobody saw her as she came back into the house, but to escape all detection she carried her plunder up into mother's room and crawled painstakingly under the bed with it.

The candy didn't tempt her much any more, but the toys were enthralling. Particularly the lamb which had been thrown in. Here we see the feminine love of a bargain. Betty cast about for a name for it.

Finally she hit upon one:

For everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go.

There you had it: "The lamb was 'Suretogo.'" What could be more plain? Besides, it was a lovely appropriate name and right out of a "pome."

"Suretogo" had funny, stringy wool and four little wooden wheels under it so that when you gave it a push it ran along almost like real. The toys you wound up mostly broke or wobbled a pace or two at best, and then stopped. They were an awful disappointment. And the balloon squawkers — one had a hole in it and wouldn't balloon, and the other one Betty blew up so hard that it burst in her face and thereafter didn't squawk. Besides, it scared Betty almost to death.

For a while she amused herself by trying to stick things up in the bed-springs, but none of them stayed but "Suretogo." And then she heard mother's cheery voice asking for "her baby!"

For a moment Betty was horribly

sorry, and then came fear. Mother would be awfully angry, so Betty kept still as a mouse and crept farther under the bed.

She heard Auntie's voice probably reciting her naughtiness about Mrs. Hearne and the hats — and maybe even about the piano. Then she heard mother call "Betty," sternly at first and then louder and sort of frightened.

Betty was uneasy. Anyway her tummy ached from all the candy.

"Ugh!" she thought, "I'll never eat any more as long as I live."

In the meantime, mother's voice was coming closer and she was calling almost frantically. Betty noticed that she called "Baby" now instead of "Betty." That sounded promising — still— and then mother came into the room and looked in the closet and behind the door and then—Betty held her breath—mother got down on her hands and knees and looked under the bed!





"Go away!"

The sight of Betty, huddled up among toys of all sizes and sorts, peering out with big, guilty eyes, was too much for her overwrought nerves.

Nobody ever knows what mothers *don't* imagine when they can't find their Bettys.

"Elizabeth, come out from under that bed at once."

Betty didn't move.

"Did you hear me?"

Betty crawled out.

She smiled at her mother in her most ingratiating manner.

"What did you bring me from town?" she asked.

Mrs. Deane's patience reached its end with a jerk.

"Where did you get that — that *truck*, under the bed?"

"At the store," said Betty, with an assumption of ease that she was far from feeling.

"Where did you get the money?"

Then the full import of the situation struck her and she went on:

"And who took you or did you dare—?"

"I went alone."

Betty was in for it now; she might as well tell it all.

"And I took the money out of my bank, and I've got a donkey and cart that you wind up. It don't go any more, though."

This was lame, and she felt it, besides mother's eye was so cold and menacing that Betty lost her head. Just as well to get spanked for pianos and hats as for candy and a toy lamb, so she went on with a growing joy at the awfulness of her wrong-doing:

"And I cut up all your hats and I stabbed Mrs. Hearne with scissors and I scratched pictures on the piano, and I poked two beans up my nose, and I said 'Devilsonofagun' and 'Gosh!'"

Betty's chin was up and she stood with her hands behind her the picture of infantile defiance.

Her mother gasped. She had been so frightened, and now to have Betty brazen it out so.

"Go get that *stuff* from under the bed," she ordered at last, all too quietly. "And then come down to the kitchen."

Betty knew that tone, and she complied with no little haste. Why had she told mother about the piano and the swearing? She might never have found out.

As she gathered the candy up again she looked upon it all with distaste, but the toys! Maybe they would go if you

wound them up some more. Still she must mind mother now, or she'd be punished twice as hard.

So, downstairs with the long suffering apronful, she went, out to the kitchen where mother was waiting. What new sort of punishment had mother devised? Betty had never had anything done to her out there before, except the time mother washed her mouth with soap for saying "Darn." Anyway, it wasn't going to be a spanking.

"Come here, Elizabeth," mother said. "I'm going to take the cover off the range and you are going to drop in your toys one by one and watch them burn."

Betty gave a heart-broken wail at this, but mother inexorably summed up the list of all Betty's misdemeanors. She ended by telling her how dishonest it had been to take money that she had had no permission to take, and then willfully to disobey and leave the yard alone. Finally she took a lid off the range and motioned Betty to step up and throw the things in.

Betty came forward slowly. First she threw in the candy, all in a bunch. It smelled awful when it burned. And then she picked out the balloons — they weren't any good anyway; then the toys that wouldn't go, one at a time and with increasing reluctance. Finally only the donkey and cart remained and she looked at her mother pleadingly, her big eyes full of tears, but mother pointed sternly to the flames, and with tears streaming down her face she dropped it in and then ran so she shouldn't see it burn up before her very eyes.

"And it almost went," she sobbed, her heart broken at the holocaust, "specially if you wound it hard."

Up the steps she ran, back to mother's room, and under the bed where she had spent such a lovely hour.

She lay there and cried softly and wretchedly for awhile, and then she happened to look up. And there in the springs stuck "Suretogo!" Betty blinked away the tears and reached up fearfully to touch him, but it *was* "Suretogo," and he was perfectly whole and better than ever. Betty clasped him close in her arms and with a last gasping sob, she fell asleep.

Meanwhile mother had snapped at Aunt Hattie for scolding about the piano. She had tried to read, but always that pitiful little tear stained face had come between her and the pages, and that last heartrending wail had rung in



"She's been just as good as she knew how to be"

her ears. When she could stand it no longer she started again to look for Betty.

She went to the bed first, and for the second time that day she found her own. But now she moved the bed and picked up the sleepy little bundle with the cheap little lamb still in its arms, and kissed the little, still tear-wet face over and over again, all the time half-crying, half-laughing.

"My Baby, my little, ridiculous, funny, precious Baby."

And so Father found them when he came in half an hour later, noisily calling for his "Kiddie."

"Hush!" said mother. "She's asleep."

Father knelt down with his arms around them both.

"Has she been a good little Kiddie to-day?" he asked.

Mother's mind fleetingly dwelt on the hats and the piano and the empty bank; then she looked down at the sleeping face cuddled so near her own, and said, tenderly:

"She's been just as good as she knew how to be."

The Gate at the End of Things

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AT first he did not so much mind the silence and the loneliness—the great silence and the vast loneliness of mountains and of pine trees, and of nothing at all besides. Wearied yet by his aching ascent, he was quite content to lie dreaming in the sun, smiling at his broken fancies, almost convinced that this was the strange, quiet world through which, he had heard, all souls must pass who come to the Gate at the End of Things.

And then one day a motor-car toiled noisily up to a point he would have pronounced quite inaccessible (save for his own machine, of course—one has always unbounded faith in one's own machine), midway, he judged, between his tent and his one neighbor, the Rancher's, a mile below him. He could not see it, but in the thin mountain air sound carried far, and he heard distinctly the rebellious voices of its defeated turning, the defiant honk of its departure. And then the *chuff-chuff* of its progress up the more level road that lay back of the Rancher's and on the other side of the mountain.

Through it all a woman's voice had floated—clear, unspeakably sweet, and a voice of *cities*:

"The poor old car, Robert! For the first time in its life to be beaten by a mere trail!"

Foolish words—a common motor-car defeated by a mountain road. But all day long the sound of them was in his ears, stirring him to rebellion. He wondered if his own ear, sometimes, deep in the hidden soul of it—remembered?

And oh, but he hated suddenly this silent world that lay near to the Gate at the End of Things! He hated the four black walls of the mountains, and the pine trees like bronze steeples pointing to the blue sky. He did not wish to be pointed heavenward. He hated the trail that in front of him climbed upward from the valley with such vapid insistency—such absurdly purposeless endeavor. He hated the solitude, made audible in the drowsy hoot of the waking owl that had its philosopher's den above his roof-tree; made visible in the lone figure of the approaching Rancher.

He wanted—

But there! He wanted to believe that the doctors did not know. That some day he should go down again among men and women and motor-cars!

But as the silent days went by he knew that the doctors knew. Had he not, he thought grimly, paid them much for knowing? Wherefore, he betook himself again philosophically to his dreaming.

Only the trail still vexed him, climbing up and up before him in that ecstacy of futile haste. He wondered listlessly what goal it hoped to find, on a mountain side where he, at whose door it did not even politely pause, was the highest dweller. He wondered that it could not see how irrational was its striving, when merely by lying still in the yellow sunshine one drifted quite comfortably through the Gate at the End of Things.

But there came a day when he learned suddenly the secret of the trail's climbing. Climb? Why the valley itself would have climbed out its sluggish level of content if it could have known what the trail knew! What he, in an arrogant triumph of wisdom knew at last. That at the end of things was—She!

That morning she came up the trail in a golden slant of sunshine. She came up the trail quickly, like a small brown bird—say a foraging wren, alert for an early breakfast. Her short brown skirt whisked the trespassing underbrush right saucily; her brown flannel blouse was opened breezily at the small tanned throat of her; her brown young face was lifted to catch the shadows of the pine-needles. And as she walked—strode, one would have said, but for the essential fineness of her, and the absurd little brown boots that struck the dust up so smartly—she sang.

Nothing is quite properly staged in real life. What she should have sung, by all the laws of song and poetry and sunshine—was—"God's in his heaven—All's well with the world!"

What she did sing, in a delicious, faulty, full-throated soprano, was: "Way down in my heart there's a feeling for you!"

After all, it did as well.

She was carrying a small wicker basket, and when, her eyes falling upon his face, peering above the edge of his hammock, she dropped the basket—the song snapping into a startled—"Oh!"—it was immediately evident that it had held eggs. At least it spilled forth an omelet.

The startled "Oh!" became a wailing one. Instantly she was on her knees beside the protoplasmic mass, and instantly—since the call of a long-past manhood was upon him—he was on his feet beside her.

"Let me help you!" he implored her quite tragically. (Even as history has related, there is nothing quite so desperately irreparable as a broken egg!) "I'm so sorry—I'm so very sorry!"

"If you have, perhaps, a spoon?"

Above the omelet her brown eyes laughed disconcertingly, mocking him, herself, the poor eggs that had been so white and sound and whole.

And then—the world reeled in the laughter of brown eyes.

When he awoke, it was to the echo of his own words, uttered with frantic helplessness in his ear.

"I'm so sorry—I'm so very sorry!"

He sat up very carefully in the white dust of the road. Where he had lain the imprint of his leanness was like the figures children love to make in snow. He asked her if she remembered, and the troubled little face broke into uncertain smiles.

"It's exactly like!" she cried. "But you—how can you notice such things now! You fainted—you are very ill!"

He drew himself upright—six feet of dusty and ignoble weakness — and steadied himself against the nearest pine tree. (He was glad to force it to some other task than pointing heavenward.)

"I fainted—I am very ill," he acknowledged, making a grace of a candor he could not well avoid. "But I often do and am both. And it is six weeks since I have walked farther than from that tent to that hammock. It is more than six weeks since I have seen—a woman!"

She gave a little worried nod of acknowledgement, as if the compliment reached her vaguely. Then she put his hand gently on her shoulder.

"I am going to help you back to the hammock," she said. "Lean hard."

It was a long walk back to the hammock. The little shoulder was very firm and round under the flannel blouse. He watched the white line of it grow into

the brown curve of the throat above the loose collar.

It was a long walk back to the hammock.

A glass of wine and milk stood on the table inside the tent. She found it at his direction, and watched him while he drank, and afterward when it sent the faintest warmth back into his face.

Her earnest eyes grew glad. "Ah, but that's better!" she praised him. "You frightened me—you were so white! That was what startled me at first—your white face with the eyes so black in it! And I—I dropped the eggs!"

He told her again that he was sorry. She insisted that it was not his fault. (As if it were not any man's fault who had black eyes in a white face, and frightened little girls!)

She sat down in a heap of pine-needles at the foot of the tree nearest her, and a squirrel ran down to inspect her, and ran back, barking his approbation. And the sun shone, and the scent of balsam and cedar was about them, and her eyes questioned him gravely—sometimes reproachfully, always pitifully. And they talked and talked.

After a while she sprang up.

"The Yellow-bird is waiting luncheon for me!" she cried. "I must run!"

She was out in the road—she had gathered up the clammy egg-basket—and had almost reached the ugly bare knee which his mountain thrust across his vision some fifty yards above him, before his voice, which was no longer a man's voice, could make her hear.

"But where do you live?" he implored.

His chin trembled maddeningly, like a child's. He felt the shameful desire of tears.

Over her shoulder she flung the answer to him.

"Oh, where the trail stops," she laughed. "At the very End of Things!"

So much he knew of her. So much he knew of the trail's climbing. Who would not climb—toward her? Who would not stop—having attained her?

But nothing else he knew, unless—Stay! The Yellow-bird was waiting luncheon for her? It was a clew! Yes, surely, she was a small brown wren, sturdy in her frailty, and all the other birds in the mountain were but to serve the daintiness of her.

When the Rancher came at night, to lay wood beside the tiny stove and food upon the tiny table, he looked with congratulatory amazement at the depleted remnants of the day's supply. After all, because the End of Things may lie around the next curve, one need not give up climbing. And climbing with empty stomachs is absurd.

But that night there was no sleep under the stars. He went over the coming of the little brown girl, and the feel of firm round shoulders under a man's fingers, and all the things they had talked about in the wonderful half hour before her flitting. And a sullen shame filled him for the things he had said to her.

Surely ill-health in a man is the grossest of immoralities. Something to that effect he had said to her bitterly, and then at her eager dissent had rambled on like a peevish child, self-centered on the tragedy of that broken toy, his life. He told her that he was going to die—flinging the immaterial crudity of it out into the glory of life about them, herself the most living thing in it, as one should drag an unsightly wound before the eyes of clean and happy childhood. Against her protestations he had rehearsed his whole wretched case—almost symptomatically—interested in convincing her of the futility of her hope.

The doctors had said it, he had assured her triumphantly. Even the last and greatest, who had yet banished him here—a bit of half-animated rebellion, flung against the eternal immensities of the mountains and the pine-trees and the skies.

He had assured her that the End of Things was very near. And in the night rehearsal of his asinine babbling, he remembered the scornful curl that had come upon her healthy little mouth, though in the next minute it had changed to drooping pity.

The owl above him hooted derisively. Far off, something sent out a long scream that shivered into mocking laughter. For this puny craven Thing, fever-eaten,

chill-shaken—so white-faced that it frightened little girls—chattering with thin bravado of the death its coward soul was afraid to meet—had been, they said, once something of a Man!

The next day he learned still more of the goal the trail climbed to. It was a tiny clearing on his own side of the mountain, and beyond it was nothingness, and on this side only he. But it was a darling gem of a clearing (she stated), with thimble-berry bushes flaunting loose white petals of June promise, and flowers—oh, such dreams of wild flowers no one ever saw in town! And here, in a little cabin where some early prospector had hoped and despaired and failed—with only old Yellow-bird, who is a Nez Perce squaw and deaf, to care for her and be cared for—lived this little brown girl, all alone.

All this he learned as she sat cross-legged at the foot of the great pine. For she had come to see him again, this time *down* the trail on purpose to see *him!* (How frankly, he thought grimly, women show to children and invalids the interest their maidenhood would hide while life held, from a man!)

She brought him a little white and golden pudding, made with her own hands from other eggs much like the broken ones. Not just like those, of course, for those were Wyandottes, and she had been bringing them very carefully from the Rancher's to set under the most maternally inclined of all her hens. She had taken a fancy to Wyandottes. This year she was in Minorcas, but next she was to devote her time exclusively to Wyandottes. White Wyandottes, because they were so clean looking. No—no, it really didn't matter. The Rancher's wife would have another dozen saved in a few days, and this splendid old jewel of a hen was *always* maternally inclined.

You see, the astounding truth was that the little brown girl was a business-woman (and oh, the aggressive tilting of the round brown chin!)

She was in the chicken-business, if you please. Had been in it for three whole weeks, and if all went well, and a hen and a half laid an egg and a half—but no, that was his own foolish interpolation, which she treated with the disdain it merited. But if all went well, which meant according to the poultry journals—by fall she would have made at least ninety dollars! *Cleared* ninety dollars!

Oh, not really *cleared?* He was properly amazed—but his heart ached for her.

For he had discovered her secret which she so proudly kept a secret—while he held his out in his shaking hand for a sane and healthy world to pity! Very carefully she tried to keep it from him—thought she had, no doubt. But for all her brown skin, and the boyish stride, and the strong, lithe muscles that rippled under her rolled-up sleeves—for all the wholesome warmth and color of her—he had read her secret.

Poor little girl! Making her brave fight for life alone—with the deaf old woman, and her chickens, and the passionate hope of ninety dollars cleared by fall!

Ah, to be a man! To lift her up out of the poverty, and the loneliness, and the fear! To make her well and strong by sheer force of one's desire for her happiness—for *her!*

She was so unconscious of his guessing of the secret, as she chattered on while he ate the white and golden pudding. Through the underbrush she pointed out to him the little branch trail of her own that she had been used to take to and from the Rancher's. (Which was why he had been so long in learning of the neighbor above him!) It had been a veritable tit-mouse's trail to begin with—but it had seemed less steep than the beaten one—and anyway why should one follow beaten trails all one's life? Were they not always more tiresome?

Not that she was really tired—oh, not in the least. Ill? Why, she was never ill in her life!

(But why else should a little brown bird—a town bird in every line of her small anatomy—hang her nest so high on a mountain so lonely?)

She thought he looked better to-day. And he, who had grown to stare daily at his own face in his shaving mirror, study-

ing the deepening hollows of its gaunt topography—shrank with a sudden fever of shame from the kindly dwelling of her eyes on him.

He wondered if by chance he did not look better. He had forgotten to notice.

After she had gone the Rancher came, but he asked him no questions about her. Her name—her life before it crossed his—what could the knowledge add to what he knew already? And the Rancher was a taciturn good fellow, else he would have mentioned her himself before that—their only neighbor on this side of the mountain.

An excellent virtue—taciturnity.

She came daily to see him. Sometimes incidentally, on her way to and from the Rancher's. (She came one day, carrying a slab of bacon in her dainty hands, and they laughed for a full half hour over its incongruity.) Sometimes frankly of a purpose. Always with some breathless bit of interest pertaining to her chickens.

She had given the Rancher a dozen eggs which he was to sell for her when he went to town. And eggs in the mountains were worth five cents apiece! They spent an excited hour discussing the wisest investment of her income.

The little things they talked about! They two in the face of death! She was teaching him to love the pine trees and the mountains; and to call each of his feathered neighbors by a less generic name than "bird;" and to laugh, rather than swear, at the squirrels that dropped pine cones into his hammock when he was dozing, and the chipmunks that must needs take his canvas roof for a race-course before the sun was fairly risen of mornings.

Sometimes she brought a book of her own choosing, and read to him—read as she sang, faultily, and with delightful imperfections that made the whole quite perfect. And the books she read were not the delicate pastel-washes of sentiment that most young women as young would have selected, but strong, full-blooded, deep-breathed books that men had written—men who would have faced death bravely.

But best they loved to talk. Very seldom did they skirt on personalities. He could see that it made her uneasy when he asked as to her health, or noticed her quickened breathing when she had climbed up from the Rancher's. She laughed his questions away stubbornly, and in the face of her courage, to dwell on his own sick body became the greater cowardice. Moreover, of late, he was forgetting himself in anxiety for her.

He did not like it that she lived alone, with only the deaf old Nez Perce for companion. He did not like it that she lived so far. Suppose she should need help, and no one nearer than the Rancher to come to her? (Almost he thought that he himself could climb to the End of Things if she needed help!) He did not like it that she was so poor. What if she needed—she laughed right merrily when he suggested it—a doctor's visits?

At night, though he slept of late immensely like a baby—he would wake suddenly with a hot fear for her upon him. And the babel of coyotes far off in the starlight was ominous of danger for her—though his natural history assured him that a coyote would do little more harm than to steal her chickens. The Rancher had told him that until two years or so past, mountain lions had roamed thereabouts. Suppose—

And yet, she was so like a spirit of the woods, one could not really conceive of harm reaching her out of them.

However, he had twice now walked as far as the trail with her, with some vague instinct of protection, born of the manhood that was once his. At last it was even a little farther, and though she did not seem to notice it, he was immensely proud of the achievement, and when he had reached the haven of his hammock, looked back across his line of progress with keen satisfaction in the length of it.

The next day it was a little farther still—even to the knee of his mountain.

Beyond the knee there protruded a gigantic elbow to block his view of her nest, but she told him that when one reached the elbow, one saw it quite plainly, balanced high above one. She promised that the next day she would show it to him.

But when he had gone back to his

hammock, he was horribly exhausted. He knew that, whatever she might expect—even demand of him—he should never reach the elbow.

At times her calm acceptance of his heroic efforts vaguely irritated him. And again, and more often, he found in it a subtle flattery. It was as if she, who had lived at sometime, one felt instinctively, in the heart of the world of men, found it easy to forget that he was not all a man. Yet he knew that he should never reach the elbow—not on the next day nor another.

But the next day she did not come—and he felt a childish resentment and indignation (after he had been so ill all night from walking with her so far!) until he happened to think that she herself might be ill. Then he was immediately sure that nothing else would have kept her, and he waited miserably all day for the old Nez Perce to come lumbering down the trail for help. And he would have to send her on to the Rancher's!

Almost he wept forlornly at his own helplessness, and at the loneliness without her, and the silence, which all day long was broken only by the *chuff-chuff* of a laboring motor-car, far down where the level road left the trail. It spoke of power, that sullen *chuff-chuff*—of might and potency to do—and he had a mad desire for his own machine. As if even his paragon could climb the trail!

And on the next day, when she did not come, he followed the trail past the knee to the elbow—and there, far up through the pines, he caught, he fancied, the promised glimpse of the little green patch of clearing, and the corner of something that might have been her cabin. It looked all very still and deserted. Suppose the deaf old Nez Perce had wandered away for help, and lost herself—

Absurd! Yellow-bird was born to mountain trails!

But there came the third day, and she not with it. He wished the Rancher would come, but he had sent his man of late. And the man was a Swede, who only grinned amiably and answered "Ya-as, ma'am," to all his questions.

And he could not stand it any longer. He was going to climb the trail. He had not thought of himself for three days, but it came to him suddenly that he was much, much stronger. So strong that though perhaps the End of Things would follow quickly, he was sure that he could reach her and help her before it came. He gathered such scant medicinal supplies as he had with him, and then—he climbed the trail.

Very slowly, with many forced pauses when the world danced black and ghoulish about him; even, once or twice, a pause when he stretched himself full-length on the writhing, tortured trail, and for a blissful space was no longer afraid of what he was to find at the End of Things. But still he climbed, and still the golden-green patch of clearing grew nearer—

And so, at last, he reached it.

The little cabin stood at the foot of the very tallest pine-tree in all the world. And about it, in neat little coops scarcely smaller than herself, were the scantily feathered sources of income this summer hatched. A lordly cockerel greeted him, bowing and scraping his Chesterfieldian way to the door. His family of ladies scattered with small, imbecile squawks of alarm—but there was no other sight or sound of life in all the mountains, save somewhere, on the other side, the panting breath of a motor-car.

Suddenly a yellow old woman came out of the doorway. She must have been a hundred at least, and the years were written, each in its own deep line, on her leathern face. She stared at him out of flesh-buried, cunning little eyes—but at all his shouted inquiries, she shook her heavy head stolidly.

"Your mistress?" he demanded, over and over again, until it came to him coldly, that if that mistress were indeed safe in the tiny cabin she would surely hear and respond for herself. It came to him, too, for the first time, that even yet he did not know her name.

But he called her, softly now, for the silence frightened him.

"Little brown girl?" he called. "Oh, little brown girl?"

He pushed past the Yellow-bird into the one bare room of the cabin, with the

sunlight sifting between the logs—and there was no one in it. No one at all.

And then for the first time, the old woman spoke, pawing at him excitedly with her hands.

"Seeck!" she said, over and over again. "Seeck! Ver' seeck!"

Sick! Yes, but where? He turned upon her savagely.

"Where?" he thundered into her deaf old ears.

She put her hands on his shoulders, thrusting him backward into a chair. And he understood that it was he whom she thought sick—he who had climbed the trail that led to the End of Things!

She poured a glass of milk and held it to his lips, but he pushed it away ungratefully. He had had enough of milk—food for babies and for sick men! For him—he wanted to know what had happened to his little brown girl.

Then suddenly he heard the slackening purr of a car, and he saw through the pine trees and a tangle of underbrush, the long red body of a big machine quivering into unwilling rest. Saw, too, the broad ribbon of road, leading away to the other side of the mountain—a well-traveled road! Why had she never told him that the road, too, climbed upward to her?

And through the tangle of green he saw a leather-garbed fellow make his way, holding back the branches for the passage of a girl in a long brown coat, with a brown veil about her head, and a bunch of yellow orchids — priceless orchids—under her round brown chin. It was his little brown girl, with the laughter in her eyes!

She dismissed the man when the thicket was cleared.

"You must hurry down, Robert," she said, "before the night comes on. And tell my father I said you could take your vacation now, if you liked. I shall not want the car for a month. I am not coming down for at least that long."

"Oh," as the man retreated, she turned to where the old woman stood in the doorway to greet her, "Oh, my Yellow-bird, let us never go down again! To town, and dinners, and friends who call us an odd child! Let's live always near heaven, Yellow-bird, dear, and play at raising chickens—and coax poor sick boys into living—and forget we are so horribly rich, and so hideously popular, and that men want to marry us!"

She unwound the brown veil thoughtfully, and as she saw her half-hidden profile, her mouth curled into soft laughter.

"He thinks I'm sick, Yellow-bird! And poor! And friendless! And he's forgetting himself in worrying about me! Oh, he's awfully funny, and—and *dear!*

"And better, Yellow-bird!" The profile grew serious again, and very gravely glad. "Oh, surely he is better, Yellow-bird! Suppose—suppose my poor sick boy should get really well—"

She stood with her hands clasped beneath the orchids at her throat, and gazed so long into the darkening wall of mountains, with all the pine trees black against their darkness, that he had time to come close to her—very, very close—before she turned.

And then—

"Suppose he should, little brown girl?" he asked her. "Suppose he—*should?*"

And he knew he was going to—for she had closed before him the Gate of the End of Things.



She wondered if the hour had come

The Passing Hour

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"IN a minute," said Miss Murray.

The boy hesitated at the door of the dressing-room. She hesitated in the arm-chair before the long French mirror, looking down at the letter and card which he had just given to her.

"The gentleman said it was urgent, Miss Murray," he ventured to suggest.

Beatrice Murray glanced sideways at him with the swift, frank smile that came as freely whether she were speaking to a call-boy or a manager. A gleam of amused mischief shone from her eyes.

"Which gentleman, Tommy?"

"Little Miss Vaughan's father," responded Tommy. "The letter was left in the box for you, but old Vaughan's waiting down at the foot of the stairs."

"Tell him in a moment I will see him."

She held the letter unopened for a full minute after the boy had gone. The card she tossed over on the marble base of the mirror. It was not an up-to-date bit of

paste-board. In old fashioned script, very small and very faint, it bore the name:

HORACE LACY VAUGHAN.

The letter was on the stationery of a well known club. She held it doubtfully, gazing at the firm, round handwriting as if it might give her a clew to the contents.

The maid finished hanging up the heap of gowns tossed on the trunk at the end of the little room, and came back to brush the heavy mass of dark hair that fell over Miss Murray's shoulders.

"What time is it, Maggie?" asked the latter, as she slowly tore off the end of the envelope.

"About half-after five, ma'am."

"You need not do up my hair. Just brush it good. My head aches. I think I'll have my dinner sent in to-night, Maggie."

"Wont you take something for the headache, ma'm?"

The girl bent her head to one side so that she could see the white, clear cut profile under the dark hair. Her tone was full of almost tender solicitude.

"There isn't anything to take, Maggie. I thought, after it was quiet, I would sleep."

The girl was silent, but her hands, as they lingered over the dark waves of hair, seemed almost caressing in their sympathy. The small traveling clock on the dressing-table struck the half-hour with a light, faint chime. Outside, in the darkened, empty theater, came the sound of stage "props" being shifted about after the matinee, and the calls of the cleaning women one to another.

"Little Miss Vaughan's made a hit, hasn't she, ma'm?"

Maggie's tone was tentative, yet respectful. She looked over at the face reflected in the mirror, striving to catch its fleeting expression.

"I believe she has. She deserves it. She's a dear, plucky little girl—a good girl."

"The papers is full of her this afternoon, ma'm, and you ought to see the bunch of reporters outside her door tonight."

"Yes?" Miss Murray smiled. "Discovered her, have they? She'll like it all ever so much. I'm glad for her; glad success has come to her suddenly, without the years and years of hard work, glad most of all that it has come to her by accident, as it were."

"Accident?" Maggie shut her lips tightly, and tilted her Limerick profile at an acute angle. "Accident? Haven't you been pushing of her, and punching of her, and making her be a success for weeks? You're too generous, ma'm."

"Maggie, I'm not generous. If we women would stand by one another a little more, we would not need so many champions, the fight wouldn't be quite so hard. I didn't do it to be generous. I wanted the kiddie to have an easier time than I had. I wanted her to understand that so many things which seem essential to success are only ghosts that rise to haunt you after you've won."

"Sure, ma'm," said Maggie, heartily.

The tone recalled Beatrice to herself. She smiled and opened her letter.

It meant much to her, that letter from him, the only man whose will power she had ever felt was stronger than her own. She remembered the first time the knowledge and fear of it had come to her.

They had been discussing her new play, this wonderful play which was to place her at the very culmination of her success and hopes. They were sitting in a darkened box at rehearsal. She had laid aside her hat, and was leaning forward, watching every move on the stage, listening for every line, every inflection.

"This will bring fulfillment to me, I believe," she had said. "I believe in it, in the message it carries with it, in—oh, so much that you wouldn't understand. I've always been afraid of the crucial test, of some play that would demand all I had to give, and maybe more. It was the *more* that made me afraid. One does not know one's own strength."

"And now you are not afraid?"

"Afraid? Why, I know it will win now; I feel it will. I really and truly think there is nothing left in the whole world that I am afraid of now, nothing, except —"

"Go on."

"Well, you see, I've never been in love, that is — "

Their eyes met, and before the keen, steady interest in his, she felt her own spirit falter in its boast.

"I am only afraid of *the* man and *the* hour," she finished, with a half-laugh of embarrassment at her own boldness. "But they rarely happen in happy conjunction."

"And one more you are afraid of," he said.

"One more?"

"Yourself. If you were not, you would not fear the other two."

Holding his letter to-night, she wondered if the hour had happened. It was very simple and direct, very characteristic of him in its assumption of the protective power over her:

GIRL DEAR,

You have always said you were afraid of the time when I should tell you to do anything that your own will and judgment warned you against. If you had faith in me, you would have no fear. I know what is best for you. I get a bird's-eye point of view of the entire situation which you can never see. So, listen, and be good. You have always been sensible and wise, the wisest woman I have ever known in your own love of ideals, but to-day, dear, we are dealing in facts. Therefore—

Wanda Vaughan has made a startling, brilliant success in your part. That's the brutal truth. Everybody was talking about it last night after the play. Everybody said she was a thousand times better suited to *Solange* than yourself. She is younger, and—pardon—I know it hurts, dear, but you need it — with beliefs unshattered by the rack of years of work and struggling. It's the delicious unconsciousness of her own power that carried her up last night.

I know that she owes everything to you, even the opportunity of last night. You must have known what she would do when her hour came, and yet you let her understudy that part, and play it, and she has walked away with it from you, as I told you she would.

What are you going to do about it? Is the fight worth while, now? I've told you the truth, haven't I? There's nothing in God's world that's really worth while except love, and especially to a woman. I was going to add—like you—but I know my limitations. And now, when you can see how frail a grip you hold upon your world, how ready it is to watch you slip under and another take your place, will you not let me come to you?

Is it not the hour, dear?

W. H.

She folded the letter, and replaced it in the envelope. Maggie had finished with her hair, and she put it back from her face, leaning forward, both elbows resting on the marble ledge at the base of the long mirror, to look at the face reflected there.

It was not a pretty face. Even with the trace of carmine on the full, sweet lips, even with the accentuated shadows under the dark upcurling lashes, and the touch of rouge on cheeks and ear-tips, she was not beautiful. The mouth drooped at the corners; there was a look of challenge in the eyes, of curious questioning. It was the face of a woman who had fought every step of her way, with only a sense of humor and a belief in herself and the ultimate righting of things, to carry her over the rough places in safety.

She was thirty-four that day. Wanda Vaughan was just past nineteen. She knew that the man spoke the truth in the letter. Her artistic sense of proportion, of fitness, as well as her common-sense, told her the girl was more suited to the part than she herself. And yet, she had tried to satisfy her artistic self with the belief that she could interpret the shades of feeling, the delicate, exquisite nuances of *Solange's* moods, far better than an ingenue, however charming and youthful. *Solange* was young, a mere girl, but there was about her the quality possessed only by the witch-women of the world. She was an enchantress, an elfin creature, an incipient vampire. It needed only the quality of love in her life to sway the balance one way or the other.

And yet this child—this child whom she herself had taken, and encouraged, and loved—had stepped by chance into her place the previous night, and played the part with a grasp, an intuition, an appealing quality which she herself had missed. It was that, the appealing quality, the call of youth, she told herself.



His eyes looked directly at the woman in the arm chair

Wanda looked the part. She had the delicate white face of the eerie child, with the great, sea-gray eyes, deep with mystery and elfin inquisitiveness. She was lithe, awkward, and graceful at the same time, as all young things are, and with the mass of red gold hair curling around her face. Oh—

She put out both hands before her with a sudden, quick gesture of repulsion. He was perfectly right. She had been a fool to take the girl and give her this opportunity of robbing her of all she held dearest. The man was wrong. She did not care for him. Love was not all that mattered. It mattered nothing to her. What she wanted was her place back.

An afternoon paper lay open on her dressing-table, and as she rose and passed it she tore it into pieces and threw it under her feet. Every paper she had looked at that day had told her that Wanda Vaughan had now usurped her place.

"Don't look at me like that!"

She turned on the staring Maggie fiercely.

"Go away, and let me alone. I shall not need you again for an hour or two. I want rest. Don't speak to me."

The maid obeyed her quietly. As the door closed, she lay among the cushions on the settee, her hands pressed over dry, closed eyes. Years and years of steady, hard, bitter work, for this. Years of striving after the prize to see it grasped by other hands as easily as a child catches a tossed ball.

There had been no one to help *her*. She had always been on the stage. If she had not been born in a theatre, at least she had been earning a salary in one ever since she could stand the light. Her father and mother had both been in the profession. She had been born during the summer lay-off, in a little room up on Thirty-eighth Street, the kind you rent for light housekeeping. That fall she had gone on the road with a repertoire company. She had been put to sleep night after night in the tray of her mother's trunk, during the evening performance, hushed by whichever member of the company happened to be off the stage at the moment. She had been hustled out of the trunk into a waiting 'bus, to be packed away to sleep again in a railway sleeper about one A. M. Her first part had not been exactly a speaking one, yet she had made herself heard. She had been carried over the rocking river of green baize in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," when she was eight months old, and was lisping *Willie* in "East Lynne" before she knew her A. B. C.'s.

Yet it had been glorious. The memory of those years swept over her sometimes and gave her head a higher tilt, her lips a sudden, unusual curve of merriment. She loved a fight that was worth while. But was it, after all, worth while? Was it worth the battle, when after years of reaching for her goal, she saw the prize caught by a vagrant hand through chance? Was it not, perhaps, as he had said? Nothing was really worth while except love—to a woman like her.

She picked up his letter to read again, and tried to weigh her feelings toward him. She admired him, admired his fighting qualities. Among his own kind he was a winner. Men liked him. Women hardly knew how to regard him. He petted them, fêted them, adored them, and then remarked that they were utterly montonous, and bored him most unforgivably. She had never bored him, and he had been good enough to tell her. And she, listening through amused, half-closed lashes, thought how often he bored her by talking to her incessantly of herself, a subject with which she was most thoroughly acquainted, and somewhat tired of.

And yet, in this hour, she felt for the first time in her life a longing for somebody to turn to, to fold strong arms about her, to find forgetfulness with.

She sat down at the small desk beside her trunks, and wrote a rapid, noncommittal note.

It simply said:

Come, if you wish.

"I want you to call a messenger, Tommy," she told the boy when he came to the door. "Tell him to take that over at once. There is no answer."

"Yes, Miss Murray. Er — say, that old gentleman is still waiting out here, Miss Murray. Miss Vaughan's father."

"Oh, is he?"

She hesitated, one hand pressed to her head, as she looked at the clock. If the messenger hurried Morrison would come to her about 6:30. It was five after six now.

"He may come in, Tommy," she said, and sat down in the armchair before the long mirror. "Tell the messenger to hurry, wont you, Tom?"

She did not glance up at the second opening of the door, not until someone spoke her name.

"Miss Murray?"

"I am Beatrice Murray."

She turned her head, and extended one slender, cool hand.

"Wont you sit down over here, Mr. Vaughan? I am not going out to dinner. It is often so late after the matinee that I find it tires me too much for the evening performance. So we may have a quiet chat in comfort. Isn't it splendid about Wanda? Aren't you proud?"

She leaned forward, her hands clasped about her knees, looking almost wistfully up at the fine old face opposite. It had been a famous face in its time. Back in those days of the green baize river, when he had played young *Harry* in "Uncle Tom," Horace Lacy Vaughan was the most popular leading man in America. The "Rialto" had been down around Union Square those days, and tradition held that "Beauty" Vaughan had been about the most distinguished figure along the hallowed path. There were remains of the quality now in the erect, stalwart old figure, the rich, upcurled masses of gray hair, the keen, humorous eyes that looked upon the world, and called it good. He stroked his imperial now, and looked at the figure of the actress with a courtly admiration and respect.

"Miss Murray, I am proud," he said, warmly, in a voice that shook with emotion. "I am proud of Wanda, and most proud of the woman who has given her this opportunity. Generosity in art is a rare quality these days. I congratulate you more than I do Wanda, if you will allow me."

She shook her head with a low, deprecating laugh, and a little sigh.

"Shall I send for her?" she asked. "Then we can all three talk it over together."

"Wanda has left the theater. I wanted to see you alone."

He stopped. The little wrinkles of good humor that clustered finely around his eyes, smoothed themselves. His eyes looked directly at the woman in the armchair.

"Miss Murray, I've come to you because I believe you're the only woman who would understand me, and not think me a damned old fool — if you'll pardon my force. I want to speak to you about my little girl. Now, I appreciate her success, and the unexpectedness of it. But I knew the child had it in her, and frankly, I have dreaded her discovering her own power. You and I know this theatrical game pretty thoroughly, who have been through all its stages and phases, we know it is not worth the life-blood we put into it. I've been an actor all my life, up to a couple of years back. Even now, I can't keep away from it. I'm seventy-eight, and unless I take my little trot down Broadway every day or so, I'm like a child without its toys. You're the same. Your work is everything to you. It isn't an episode, as it is with Wanda. You've won every point you've made through sheer grit. Other women who have reached the point you stand on, have climbed — yes, they have — climbed with help at every round, climbed, seizing every rope, every hand that promised support on the way up. Isn't it so?"

"I know what you mean. Go on," she said.

"Well, the child is in love." His tone was lower, with a note of infinite tenderness, almost compassion in it. "She's in love with a splendid boy. I've known him ever since he was a tad of three. He's got money behind him, he's just out of Yale, and he wants my girl to come back to him now, before she gets deeply into this stage-life, and it goes to her head. He's proud of her, of course. So am I. But I tell you, Miss Murray, it isn't worth while to a woman unless she has nothing

else in her life. It's as wrong for a woman to go into this game with a divided heart, half to some poor devil she loves, half to the art — it's as wrong, I tell you, as if that woman committed bigamy. And she'll fail, sure as there's a God above us, she'll fail, if she loves the man well enough to let him master her."

"Now, I can't make Wanda understand this. She believes she can be true to her work, and to Roy, that's the boy's name, as well. But she can't. I know she can't, and so do you. You know the utter emptiness of the life. You know that, after all, when you've got the whole thing in your hand, when you're sure of yourself, and your grip on your people, what is it worth after all? Not worth one quiet hour at rest in your own home. Where's your home, Miss Murray?"

She lifted her head, and laughed, a little, half bitter laugh.

"Once when I was a wee thing, traveling through the South, the train stopped at a wayside station, and a little colored girl ran alongside the car, holding up a basket of fresh figs for us to buy. And she asked me that same question, Mr. Vaughan. 'W'ar's yer home, honey?' she said. It had never struck me before where it was, so I called back to my mother and asked her where my home was, and she told me. 'Wherever the trunks are, is home, dear.' So it's still that way with me. Wherever the trunks are."

He rose, and walked slowly up and down the little room.

"I don't want my little girl to have to say that. You understand me. I want her to have a home, to get the better side of things, to be a woman — one woman — not a thousand of them *in* one. And I can't tell her this. A man couldn't make her see the thing. Neither could some women. But you can. You're a good woman, Miss Murray — ah, but you are. You needn't be ashamed of it, my child, though it is somewhat of a distinction — almost an idiosyncrasy these days to indulge in simple goodness. But you *are* a good woman, therefore I ask you to talk to Wanda, and make her see this thing right. She hasn't the physique to stand the strain, nor the moral grit to beat back the temptation. Talk to her. Send her back to the boy that loves her with his whole heart and soul. He's worth while, Miss Murray. I know the youngster. And I want him to get her before it's too late, before she's saturated with the glamor of the life, and can't free herself, any more than you or I could to-day. You understand, don't you?"

"I think I do," said Beatrice, slowly. "Yes, I think I do."

"Another woman wouldn't. They'd say the game was all, that success and adulation and money were enough for her, and if she could get them, she ought to have them. But they're not enough. I know my girl. She loves it too well. She loves the fun of it all. She doesn't realize now the hit she has made. She loves the excitement, the movement, the giddiness of it all. We know, don't we? God, sometimes I'd give every day left to me on earth just to stand back once more, and see the faces out yonder, and the lights, and know I had them here, right here, under my thumb, to laugh or cry as I willed it. Yet I know it isn't worth while, that we're fools to love it, so I ask you, because you're a good woman, to take my little girl, and tell her, and make her understand, make her go back to that boy, and be his wife. Make her understand that all the success you can attain in this sort of life is not worth losing that love."

"She wants to marry him?" asked Beatrice.

"They were married before she joined your company. They were married two months ago."

"Married two months ago?"

She rose also, facing him.

"I knew you'd understand," he exclaimed, eagerly.

"The child has no mother, and she needs a good woman's advice, a woman who will tell her to forget Broadway, and success, so-called, forget the lights, and the music, and all the rest of the trashy toys we mortals play with, and go back to the essentials."

"To the man who loves her?"

"To her husband, and her home."

They were facing each other.

There came a tap at the door, and Beatrice opened it. It was the messenger-boy.

He held out her letter to her.

"Mr. Morrison is not at his club, ma'm. He'll be in at seven. Shall I come back?"

"Thank you, no," she said, tearing the letter across twice. "I shall not need you."

"Will you talk to Wanda?" asked Vaughan, as the boy left. "Will you make her see the things that are worth while — to a good woman?"

She bowed her head, still smiling musingly.

"I will talk to her to-night after the play."

"Miss Murray," the old fellow bent over her hands, his head shaking nervously. "Miss Murray, I thank you."

"Don't thank me. Thank yourself. You are a splendid pleader still, Mr. Vaughan," she laughed back at him. "I will talk to her, and leave the issue to her—herself. You might have this boy-wonderful at hand, you know, to add his weight to the argument. But I will tell her what you wish, that the whole thing, is not worth while. Do you imagine she will think me jealous of her, Mr. Vaughan?"

"You?" His tone thrilled her. "You are beyond such trivialities. You are the queen absolute in your own line. You are afraid of nothing."

She stood motionless after the door closed behind her, her lips parted in a smile, her eyes full of amusement. A bit of torn paper lay at her feet.

She caught a glimpse of his written words:

"Is it not the hour, dear?"

And he had been absent from the club at that hour. She laughed, and pressed the bell for Maggie to come and dress her.



She leaned forward, her elbows on the marble



They seemed especially interested in the clowns

Doc Doran—Circus Man

BY MAY K. WARWICK

ILLUSTRATED BY ARTHUR WILLIAM BROWN

THE assistant editor liked the free swinging step she heard behind her, and even as she turned her head, she had a premonition that she was going to like the man himself. He was big and broad, tilting backward a little as he walked, his head well up, his hat on the back of his head. A frank, hard face; quick, genial blue eyes, and a lambent smile—all this she saw before he pulled a chair up by her desk, and said:

"How d' do? You weren't here when I came before, but I guess you know all about my case. I'm Doc. Doran, ahead of the Wonderful Willoughby Circus, and I want to say right here," he added, with a whimsical smile, "that I've never struck newspapers so hard to get on with as they are right here on this corner of the footstool."

The little assistant editor wanted to be stiff, but when she looked into his blue eyes, she said, with fair amiability:

"What complaint have you to make of us?"

"Complaint? Why, you missed the chance of your life of getting a bright, snappy story. Here I bring it in all written up; your editor promises to print it; it's a thing that would give pleasure to hundreds of country folks, and then, not a line of it gets in; not a line, and the show due here Saturday."

The assistant editor looked down demurely. She was very pretty as she dropped her black lashes; Doc. Doran noted that they made bluish shadows on the top-most curve of her cheeks, and that her hair was black—almost purple-black. He thought of the glossy grapes in his mother's arbor at home.

"It is very good of you to be so sorry for what we have lost by our blundering," she murmured.

Doc. Doran stared at her a moment; then he threw back his head and laughed.

"Well," he admitted, "I might have added that our show wanted the advertising. Why, every town paper even in the East does that for us, and not every agent can write the stuff up proper, either. And here I come to what I'd been told was the most hospitable section of the Middle West, and I get the frozen mitt hard."

The assistant editor drew herself up.

"Doctor Doran—" she began.

"Doc—Doc.," he interrupted. "Every one calls me that. And your name, miss?"

The assistant editor had not been intending an introduction, but she said, hesitatingly:

"Miss Cantrell. And I want to tell you, that if your story had not been a tissue of lies from beginning to end, we should have printed it. But our paper stands for truth and moral probity."

Doc. Doran looked at her curiously.

"Yes, I see you mean it," he said at last. "I guess you're new to the business. Why, my dear Miss Cantrell, there's no such thing as absolute truth anywhere, and as for lies, the people want 'em, and the bigger they are, the better they like 'em. They eat 'em alive."

"But we —"

"Now, see here." Doc. Doran wagged a big forefinger seriously at her. "I came in here two weeks ago and I said to your editor: 'I'm Doc. Doran; I deal sparingly in the truth, but I want to tell you on the level that Willoughby's Wonderful Circus is the greatest show that ever hit your town.' Well now, that covers every blessed thing I say and do, though I don't always put it that way."

"I see," she murmured, thoughtfully.

"I never said I didn't lie," said Doc. Doran. "Why, an advance man has to; but I've got enough morality about me not to do it if the people didn't like it."

"I suppose it must be a great cross to you?" asked Miss Cantrell.

"You bet it aint. I like it. Tell you, Miss Cantrell, in my thirty-five years I've tried everything. Tried writing, and didn't make enough to live by—though if you've read that story of mine you wouldn't print, you've found out I know something about the game. Tried being a drummer, and made it go all right, but the life was too hard and too tame—not enough imagination in it for me; got tired of being everlastingly pleasant to the everlastingly same people. Tried being an actor, and couldn't quite get it over; couldn't throw myself long enough into any one part; couldn't sustain it, d'ye see?"

Miss Cantrell's dark eyes sparkled with interest.

"I do see. In just ordinary lies you can slip from one to another; you don't have to sustain —"

"Exactly; and my profession combines the best parts of the three others I tried and didn't stick to. I can give free rein to my imagination. Why, my dear young lady, think of the scope I have! Think of the hundreds of people of all sorts we have with us! I can say anything about 'em and nobody can deny it, for we're here one day and gone the next. And the public wouldn't contradict it if they could; they want to hear what I have to tell. I've got an audience, all right."

"I don't mind saying that you've illumined my day, Doctor Doran," said Miss Cantrell, "but really, that story about the elephant —"

"Which one?" he asked briskly.

"Both of them, for that matter. It's perfectly absurd for you to say that you have an elephant that once ate a lady's Easter bonnet and refuses to be fed anything else since."

"We-ell," admitted Doc. Doran, "for a lady of your intelligence maybe that *is* asking a little too much, but—say, did I mention in my story about the elephant that eats onions?"

"You did," she returned, grimly.

"My dear young lady," said Doc. Doran, earnestly, "that's a true story, it honest is. You see, this is how it happened: He got away from us once in a wreck, and got into a field of young onions. Gee! I wish you could have seen him pulling them up and tossing them into his mouth in that nonchalant sort of way they have—ever see an elephant eat? Well, sir, we just can't get that beast to eat anything but onions since. We have to buy car loads every month for him, and then we waste gallons of ground coffee

on him—to take away the smell, you know, so that the audience can stand it when he's going through his stunts. One day we ran out of coffee and—well, say! Everybody in the audience was just glaring at their neighbors, thinking they'd eaten all the onions in town."

Miss Cantrell pulled herself together with a palpable jerk.

"I declare, there was a moment when I almost believed you," she said, indignantly.

"I don't see why not," he replied in an injured tone; "it's true, and if you'll just use one of the two hundred and fifty passes that I'm distributing about here, you'll see that elephant yourself."

"And smell the onions?"

"I'll see that he doesn't get his coffee that day if you like," offered Doc. Doran. "Of course it may ruin the reputation of the show in this town—"

"Oh, I'd just as soon smell the coffee," she said. "I'll be there."

"All right. Now, see here, I want to butt into this paper somehow, and here's a little item I have about two girls that were born near here, and one girl actually in the town."

Miss Cantrell took the slip he handed her, and read:

> The sisters Sheldon, the unequaled bare-back riders of Willoughby's Wonderful Circus, were born a few miles from Harris. The first thing they can remember is driving into town with their father and looking at the fine window displays on Main street. There is one other member of the Circus who was actually born in Harris; she is one of the three prettiest girls in the ballet, and has the most shapely feet of all. See it you can pick her out on Saturday.

Miss Cantrell blue-penciled the second half of the item.

"It's true, and so I suppose you must be cutting it down under the head of moral probity, as you call it," remarked Doc. Doran, musingly.



Miss Cantrell

Miss Cantrell colored.

"Well, now," he went on, briskly, "promise me you'll give us some sort of write-up?"

"Yes, I will," she said cordially, "and a better one for this interview."

Doc. Doran rose, smilingly.

"I always get 'em, one way or another," he said, joyfully; "that is, they always see that I'm square, and the show is all right. No, they don't either," he added, checking his movement to rise. "Say, Miss Cantrell, why can't I break into the Springfield papers? What's the matter with 'em?"

"Can't you? Have you tried hard?"

"Have I tried! I've gone there almost every other day for the week I've been working the towns here about. You see, Springfield's important—a city. I've just got to get into those three papers, for we're going to show there two days. I've tried everything; remarkable lies, remarkable truth; ordinary truth, ordinary lies. Nothing works. It's all the fault of the *Herald*. It's the swell paper, and the

other two take pointers from its dignity. Actually, I'm afraid I'll have to pay for reading space."

"Why shouldn't you?"

"Well, why should I? The expenses are big enough for the show. I'm proud to say we've never paid for reading space. My reputation and salary depend on my getting along without. Besides, paid reading notices don't boost the show. Say, Miss Cantrell, there isn't a big show in the country that hasn't tried to get me for an advance agent. No, sir; I never cost much for advertising."

He walked slowly over to the wide window, looking upon the street.

"Say, this'd be a fine place for one of my big sheets. 'Course I know I can't have it, but it aint often one sees so much sheer glass. Good for your bulletins and that. I notice you've got nice ways of advertising yourself."

Miss Cantrell blushed, and little splotches of color came into Doc. Doran's face.

"Say, I didn't mean that," he protested. "I didn't mean you sitting at your desk by the window was an advertisement. I feel real friendly with you, but I aint got that far yet."

"I didn't suppose you did mean that," said Miss Cantrell, departing from the truth she so sternly upheld for the paper.

"I know you didn't," he said, hastily. "It just came into my head to say it in case you might think it after I was gone. Not that I suppose you'll think of me after I get out of here," he added, "but a fellow wants to be on the safe side, and there are some show-agents that have cheek. Mine aint that kind."

Miss Cantrell impulsively held out her hand.

"I know it isn't, Doctor Doran. Good-by."

"Good-by. I'll be dropping in again to-morrow. Now I'm off to Springfield. Know what I'm going to do? Well, I've had an elephant sent on ahead, and I'm going to ride on him up to the office of that *Herald* and call on the editor. Think that'll be considered a news item?"

Miss Cantrell laughed.

"It ought to, but I doubt it. I know what those *Herald* people are. I wish I could help you with them, Doctor Doran. I should try if I had any influence."

"You certainly are good, Miss Cantrell. Good-by."

She watched his big strong figure as he



"I always get 'em, one way or another," he said, joyfully



"Good-bye, I'll drop in again tomorrow"

swung out of the door. He raised his hat as he passed the window, and she bowed sedately, and turned back to her work.

About an hour later, she received a telegram from him.

> A huge anaconda belonging to Willoughby's Wonderful Circus escaped this morning from its cage. Owing to the presence of mind of its beloved keeper the reptile was recovered almost at once.

Miss Cantrell frowned and counted the words; then she noticed that the message was prepaid. She had it inserted in the afternoon paper with the following prefix:

> We have received the ensuing telegram from the advance-agent of Willoughby's Wonderful Circus. The sender had the courtesy to prepay his communication.

"There," thought Miss Cantrell, "that's fair both to him and to the paper."

That afternoon, when the paper had gone to press, she received from the correspondent at Springfield a story relating the sensational call which Doc. Doran of Willoughby's Circus had made on the editor of the *Herald,* clad in Eastern costume and riding an elephant. Miss Cantrell laughed and laid it aside. Next morning, after she had done more important work, she picked it up again. She had just begun to read it when Doc. Doran himself strode into the office.

He had a long cut on his forehead, and as she glanced at it he explained:

"That's one of my rewards for giving the people in Springfield a free show. Kid threw a stone."

He sat down with the air of an old friend.

"What did you do?"

"Not what I wanted to, you bet! I

wanted to charge that crowd on big Barney, but, of course, that would have turned Springfield against me, so I fainted instead."

"Really fainted!" she exclaimed.

His eyelid quivered.

"Well, just professionally fainted," he explained. "And after all I did for that city, there's not been a line in any of the papers—not one."

"That's too bad," she said, with real sympathy.

"Of course a good many people saw me," he said. "I rode up and down a few streets, and the accident had a couple of hundred spectators. But they're a mean lot."

"I was just looking over our correspondent's account," she remarked.

He put out his hand for it.

"Pah!" he said disgustedly, after reading it. "No life!"

He took out his fountain-pen and wrote vigorously. Miss Cantrell watched him curiously. When he handed her the revised copy, he said:

"Now, honestly, every word of that's true. Your fool man didn't see it at all—and had no vision for what he did see. Didn't work in a color and not more than one shout."

Miss Cantrell hardly examined the manuscript. It was news, in any case, and she thought perhaps her paper might be the better for an enlivening half-column.

Doc. Doran managed to call at the office every day that week. It was not always easy, considering that he was covering a good many towns in the vicinity. Miss Cantrell was unaware that for the first time an item for automobile hire was added to the Doc.'s list of expenses. With train service he could do his work; with train service and an automobile he could do his work and see Miss Cantrell. Doc. Doran was never economical when his imagination or instinct urged him to be otherwise.

Though Miss Cantrell did not know that circus advance-agents do not necessarily haunt newspaper-offices, she did notice that the Doc. did not have an item to offer every day he called. She assumed that, like other traveling men, advance-agents considered it their duty to be socially pleasant on occasions when they had no business to transact.

When, however, he called at her home on Thursday evening to ask if she did not want to go for a spin in the automobile, she divined that he was carrying courtesy farther than policy required. But she went for the drive, and on Friday night, when he repeated his call, she took him in and introduced him to her family.

On Saturday afternoon she forsook her desk, though that threw double work on the other members of the staff, and went to the circus. Doc. Doran got her a seat where she could miss nothing of the work of the trained sea-lions and other special performers. Miss Cantrell had never seen a circus in a country town, and she was as interested as a child in the human and in the business side of it. She had never before seen at one time so many people from the fields; sun-baked farmers, with long beards, long faces, and long hats on top of the faces; tanned young men in store-clothes; elderly women in black cloth or in neat starched prints; younger women in white; couples in the courting stage; wondering little children with parents or grand-parents. Most of them waved palm-leaf fans and looked complacent over their foresight when the circus employees who had the sale of fans in charge walked up and down in front of the seats, vainly trying to sell their gay wares. They seemed especially interested in the way the clowns whacked and abused each other.

Miss Cantrell wished that big Doc. Doran were beside her to talk to her about the hard-working performers. She saw the same faces again and again—in the ballet, in the riding acts, on the ladders, on the tight-ropes, the trapeze and the bicycles. The men who sold lemonade and toy balloons helped at times with the shifting of ropes and posts. She wondered if Doc. Doran's business sagacity had inspired any of the management, or if he himself were not, after all, the instrument of a mind greater than his own.

When some rather languid performers began to give the "concert," she still lingered, though the big dusty tent was almost empty. Then, suddenly, she lost the



She could hear faint sounds, then louder shouts

impression of emptiness and languor, for Doc. Doran came hurrying towards her across the wide ring. His generous vitality would have enlivened a desert, she thought, looking up with pleasure into his smiling pink face.

Doc. Doran did not conceal his own delight. He wanted to tell her that he would rather see a girl in a light blue cotton dress than in brocade, especially if she were a slim girl with glossy black hair. But he merely suggested that the cool grove outside was better than the tent. Miss Cantrell explained that she would have to go back, almost immediately, to the office.

"You see, we practically get out two papers to-day," she said. "I shall be busy till three o'clock in the morning."

"Whew! that's long hours," he said.

"Oh, only once a week. I can stand it. Probably I shall be a little late to-night —or rather, to-morrow morning, on account of having taken this afternoon off."

"Well, I wouldn't," he said. "Promise me you'll drop work early. Women shouldn't work at night."

Miss Cantrell laughed a little, and not quite knowing how to meet the remark, said, as they walked slowly along Main street to the newspaper-office:

"I suppose you'll be pretty busy to-night breaking up?"

"Oh, I haven't anything to do with it, as a rule," he said, adapting his swinging pace to her little steps.

"I suppose you can't get any advertising out of it," she said, slyly.

"We are not going to hurry as much as usual in loading to-night," he said, "for the train wont get off with us till near six."

"I'm glad you had such a big crowd to-day," she remarked.

"Well, I've nothing to regret in this town," he said. "It's been a great happiness —"

"Nothing but the obstinacy of Springfield," she remarked, demurely.

"Maybe they'll have big head-lines about us yet," he prophesied.

When they reached the door of the office, Miss Cantrell made as if to say good-by, but Doc. Doran assured her that he would be in town the next day.

She worked hard for an hour or two, and then ran out for a sandwich and a cup of tea. Her holiday was costing her dear. The editor succumbed to a blinding sick-headache, which had been coming on all day, leaving the full responsibility of the Sunday paper on her hands. She steeled herself to the task and her mind and fingers flew. At ten o'clock the boy pied a form of type; at eleven the foreman of the composing-room was summoned home by the news that his child was dangerously ill. Miss Cantrell threw up her hands for a moment, and then went back to work, merely remarking to an assistant that she was ready to breakfast and lunch in the office if necessary.

She felt tired and dull, but she kept steadily at her desk. At intervals through the night and in the first gray of morning, she was reminded of the circus by various tarpaulin covered wagon-loads of properties which rumbled past her broad window on their way to the railroad.

It was curious to be at her desk when the gray light turned to mellow gold. She called to a pressman to open her great window, and breathed in the full sweet air of the early day. Then she bent again over her desk. Presently she started. Her nerves, sensitive and tense after her hours of hard work, responded to some disturbance without. She listened; she could hear faint cries and then louder shouts. She sprang up from her chair and gazed out of the wide, open window, her blue eyes tired and her blue dress crumpled. She could see a few hurrying people, and could hear an increasing clamor. Instinctively she ran to her desk and fumbled for a pad and a pencil.

"It must be a fire," she thought.

True to her craft, she forgot her weariness in the stimulus of the expected copy.

When she had found her paper and pencil, she ran back to look down the street, noting that the shouting was close, much closer now. She gazed out; heads were peering from other windows, but no one was to be seen in the street, except two men in an automobile driving furiously after a huge yellow body that bounded and bounded—

The pad dropped from Miss Cantrell's hand and she staggered weakly behind her desk, just as the tiger swerved to the right and leaped through the open window. Then she fainted.

The tiger crouched in a corner of the room, tense and alert, his tail quivering.

It was Doc. Doran who jumped through the window, a revolver in hand. His face was white and drawn, but his fingers and arm were steady, and he fired at the moment the animal sprang. The yellow body, arrested in mid air, toppled sideways, and crashed against the editor's table, upsetting a typewriter, which broke with a scattering of keys, then presently it lay in a widening pool of vivid blood.

Doc. Doran bent over Miss Cantrell, chafing her hands, and muttering incoherent words deep in his throat. Finding these ministrations unavailing, he rushed into the hall for a glass of water with which he clumsily bathed her forehead. The coolness revived her, and she opened her eyes on him vaguely, and murmured,

"Then I'm not inside it?"

"You shouldn't have been here," he said, gruffly. "I told you that you oughtn't to work so late at night."

Miss Cantrell sat up, a wave of suspicion sweeping over her. She mistook for guilt the anxious pale look of his face.

"May I ask," she said coldly, "if you planned this? Is this a specimen of your scientific advertising?"

Doc. Doran's face lighted with the joy of the speculator who sees a main chance.

"Say, it *is* great, aint it?" he exclaimed. "I bet that Springfield paper—"

"Go away," she cried, hysterically. "I'm not safe with you. Let in those people that are battering on the door. Don't ever come near me; you're incapable of reformation—"



Doc. Doran rose slowly.

"I—well," he said in a queer tone; "I've always been considered economical, even by the people who paid the bills. I wouldn't waste a tiger. No, maybe you'd better not try to reform me, Miss Cantrell. I mightn't like it."

She looked at him uncertainly, and said, feebly,

"I wish you'd go."

"Good-by," he said. "I—well, no one ever told me before that I was yellow. I guess a man oughtn't to have to defend himself against the suspicion of having turned a man-eater loose in the streets. If you think I had the conscience to let him out of his cage—well, good-by. I'm not saying anything. Only, mind you, it was you who thought of the advertising value of it. You put that in my head. I was thinking of nothing but you. Good-by. I thought I could say it to you this afternoon in the automobile. I thought maybe it wouldn't be good-by at all, but just the beginning of things. Well, good-by."

"Good-by," said Miss Cantrell. Then she gave him her two hands and added, "You can come round this afternoon. I'll try to keep an eye on you so as to help you when you *do* begin to reform."

She smiled.

The Brown Parcel

BY DONALD KENNICOTT

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WHEN Mr. Adrian Ware received the parcel which wrought so strange, profound, and immediate an effect upon his destiny, he was a briefless young attorney of twenty-six, living meagerly upon the all but exhausted remainder of a small inherited capital. He spent his days in a tiny cubby-hole of an office, busied in copying papers for his more successful *confrères,* in staring out the window, and in the composition of pastoral poetry—an elegant but unremunerative exercise, for which he had a very pretty talent. His evenings he passed in the dreary bed-room of a third-class boarding-house, reading a novel from the

public library, smoking tobacco of an inexpensive brand, or in some other such mild diversion of the impecunious. Save some four or five distant and scattered cousins he had no relations that he knew of; clients shunned him as if he were a leper; and at the time of which we write, he was seriously debating the relative advantages of a clerkship, or highway robbery.

The parcel in question came to Mr. Ware in a manner as curious as its contents were bizarre. One evening, to divert his mind from certain dark thoughts which obsessed him, he had been walking down a brilliantly lighted but almost deserted thoroughfare, when he became aware that he was under the searching scrutiny of a person pursuing a course parallel to his, on the opposite side of the street. At a corner the stranger crossed over toward him—a straight, square-shouldered little man of perhaps sixty years. He wore a long brown ulster and a wide felt hat, from under the brim of which peered a kindly, weather-tanned face to which a pair of keen black eyes lent an expression of shrewd vivacity. Under his arm he carried a parcel about the size of a shoe-box, with a neat brown paper wrapping.

Unconsciously Mr. Ware paused. The old gentleman approached, and, in a manner midway between that of a comic-opera villain and a church-sociable Santa Claus, accosted him.

"Pardon me, my dear sir," said he, "but can you inform me if I have the pleasure of addressing Mr. Adrian Ware, the attorney?"

In some perplexity, Mr. Ware acknowledged his identity.

"But," he added, "I must confess that you have the advantage of me."

"That," replied the old gentleman, throwing into his somewhat cracked and unmusical voice an expression at once of assurance and of deprecation, "that is an advantage, which at the risk of discourtesy, I must for the present beg that you permit me to keep. But to business: I have here, Mr. Ware, a parcel containing some things which, for excellent reasons, I wish to present to you as a gift—as a slight token of amity and esteem. They are of considerable value, and while I wish you to understand that they are yours to dispose of as you see fit, let me suggest that you do not open the package before you have regained the privacy of your own apartment—with my compliments, Mr. Ware!"

So saying, he handed the brown parcel to the young attorney, and that gentleman, somewhat too dumbfounded to do otherwise, took it gingerly in his hands with stammered thanks. Thereupon the old fellow ducked a stiff little bow of acknowledgement, laid a warning finger across his lips, and then smiling darkly, faced about and trudged off.

As for Mr. Ware, for a moment he stared after this strange personage in utter stupefaction; then, as the shadows of a side street swallowed him up, he turned his attention to the parcel in his hands. It was somewhat weighty, he noted; the paper was of an ordinary sort; the cord with which it was tied had been trebly knotted. Forgetting the donor's injunction, he had started to untie it, when he observed that several passers-by—among them a tallish young man in a black overcoat—were staring at him curiously; and at this, feeling that he was probably being made the victim of some absurd hoax, he assumed an unconcerned air, tucked the brown parcel under his arm, and set off at a brisk pace toward his own lodging.

Once arriving there, he locked himself in, turned up the gas, and with excited fingers set about untying the parcel. Inside the outer wrapping was another; inside that was a black tin box like those employed for documents in safe-deposit vaults. The key was tied with a string to the handle, the lock yielded readily, and in an instant Mr. Ware had the box open. Four objects then presented themselves to his view: a short steel crowbar or "jimmy" such as burglars use; a pocket electric flash-lamp; a small but plethoric leather wallet; a heavy, double-edged dagger. The blade of this weapon was rusted and discolored; the brass hilt was blotched with dark and horrifying stains.

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by this collection of articles. Then, recollecting his theory that the affair was merely some ill-considered jest, he removed the wallet from the box, carefully untied the strings and after clearing a place on his green-baize-covered table, emptied the contents thereon.

And now Mr. Ware experienced a second and most perturbing shock. For there, under the gaslight before him, lay a heap of jewels—rich, scintillant, mystifying jewels. Examined in detail, they proved a rare, but heterogeneous collection: three lady's rings, set with various precious stones; an Egyptian scarab; a string of cheap coral beads such as children wear; a diamond brooch; an obviously spurious cameo, a cut but unset



"I'm not goin' to give you nothin' on that," he said

ruby, across whose facets the light-rays played like ensanguined sunbeams; two antique engraved turquoise seals; a small but finely wrought bracelet set with pearls. For some three minutes Mr. Ware stared at them steadily; then, after looking to see that the door was locked and the window curtains drawn, he threw himself into an armchair, drew a short briar-pipe from his pocket, filled it, and fell to smoking with that fierce determination of manner which so often indicates a mind in desperate irresolution.

Clearly, he said to himself, the affair was one of two things—either a practical joke whose point had not yet appeared, or the mad work of some lunatic criminal. The jewels somewhat discredited the first theory, for the most insatiate of jokers would hardly risk articles of such value. They might, of course, be clever but worthless imitations, but their appearance hardly bore out this possibility. At any rate he would make a visit to a jeweler's next morning and settle that point.

The second explanation—that some insane burglar had presented to him the fruits of his nefarious activity—seemed more nearly to fit the extraordinary facts. Yet, however eccentric had been the appearance of the little old man in the brown ulster, he had not seemed quite like a criminal; nor, however fantastic had been his behavior, had it been exactly that of a maniac. Mr. Ware knocked out his pipe, refilled it, and turned the devious course of his cogitations from what had occurred to what he should do about it. Obviously, should the jewels by their genuineness prove the affair to be no fantastic jest, his proper course was to put the matter in the hands of the police. Yet he shrank from this, for he doubted if the credulity of that coarse-grained profession would prove equal to the acceptance of his surprising story; he doubted, too, if their perspicacity would



A tall young man in black lurking in a doorway

be sufficient for the solution of so unusual a puzzle. Moreover, his own interest was strongly engaged; he felt that now at last a chance had been given him to demonstrate his own abilities; and while he had never intended to specialize in criminal practice, he could not but believe that at this very instant, Opportunity was Knocking at his Door. He must endeavor to unravel the mystery himself.

Like the conventional detective of fiction, Mr. Ware passed the night wrapped in a dressing-gown and enveloped in a pall of smoke, alternately lounging in an armchair and pacing the floor, busied arduously in the deduction of various

hypotheses to account for the mystery which confronted him. Unlike that supernal creature, however, morning found Mr. Ware none the wiser. He had cudgeled his hapless brains without mercy. had evolved a score of possible explanations, had elaborated a dozen carefully reasoned theories, but the gray light of dawn falling upon them coldly and without pity exposed them in all their inadequacy. It was a badly muddled young attorney who the next day sought the shop of a reliable jeweler, carrying a pearl bracelet and an unset ruby in his pocket.

And the jeweler destroyed his most plausible theory at once. The stones were genuine, it seemed; the possibility that he had been made the victim of some miserable jest was removed; the gravity of the affair was established beyond question. He left the shop wondering if a more perplexing problem could confront a man—and outside the door discovered that one could. For, lounging in a doorway on the opposite side of the street and manifestly keeping an eye on him, he caught sight of that tall young man in a black overcoat, whom he had observed watching him the night before, just as he was about to untie that accursed parcel. Confusion worse confounded—he was being shadowed!

To follow Mr. Ware during the ensuing fortnight were as tedious as to track the footsteps of a whirling dervish, as futile as to recapitulate the course of a nightmare. By every device known to fact or fiction, save recourse to the assistance of the police, that bedeviled young man sought to rediscover the donor of the white elephant which he found upon his hands. With each successive failure, his mental perturbation increased, nor did the consciousness that he was under surveillance, in any way serve to soothe his nerves. For almost every day he caught some fugitive glimpse of the tall young man in black, now dogging his footsteps, now lurking in a doorway to note his coming or going, hovering about him always, as inseparable and yet as elusive as his own shadow. Strive as he might, Mr. Ware was unable to gain so much as a close view of the spy, much less force from him an explanation.

Nor was all this without its physical effect upon the young attorney. At the end of a fortnight, had he troubled to glance at himself in the glass, it is doubtful if he could have sworn to his own identity, so extensive had been the ravages of the sleepless anxiety to which he had been subjected. For it must be said that he was not by nature fitted for the arduous excitements of the criminal attorney. Rather was he qualified to pursue the ancestral calling of gentleman farmer, to woo the pastoral Muse, and, far from the madding crowd, to philander with that gentle mistress, Dame Nature. Indeed, so terribly had the dark secret preyed upon his sensitive soul, that he came to doubt his own sanity, to fear that the old gentleman in the ulster, the brown parcel and its surprising contents, and the haunting young man in black as well, were but the grotesque creations of a disordered brain—mere, airy eidolons of a lunatic fancy. In terror lest by some witless indiscretion he betray his derangement, he now began to shun all contact with his fellow man, slinking down side streets, keeping a furtive and timorous eyes upon all who came near him, transacting such business as he dared undertake, either with a most painful timidity or an impudent effrontery that was not less incriminating. His gait became that of an unsuccessful house-breaker; his address that of a pickpocket; his appearance that of a defaulting cashier.

And now another matter forced itself upon Mr. Ware's consideration: his money was spent. Close to the verge of penury at the time he had received the accursed brown parcel, the lavish expenditure made in the attempt to rediscover its donor had quickly dissipated the remainder. One afternoon he suddenly discovered that he was actually without wherewithal to pay for the next meal, let alone continue the search. There was but one remedy that he could think of—to pawn one of the jewels. "Yours to dispose of as you see fit," were the words with which the old gentleman

had given him the package; and while he could not but doubt that person's right to utter them, he felt that all things considered, he might with perfect legality at least hypothecate a portion of the gift. Just at dusk, therefore, choosing the bracelet and one of the rings from the collection and locking up the rest in his table drawer, he set out for the Bowery.

The swarthy, lean-featured pawnbroker to whom he first addressed himself turned the bracelet over in his dingy fingers, shifting his gaze alternately from the ornament to the face of his customer.

"Where'd you get this," he rasped out suddenly, fixing the young attorney with his sharp, black eye, very much as one might impale a beetle on a pin.

For such a question, Mr. Ware was quite unprepared; the disordered state of his nerves, moreover, lent it the effect of an accusation. He felt himself flushing, and try as he might, he could not meet that hard and penetrating eye. In desperation, he commenced to stammer some wild and incoherent story, but the pawnbroker cut him short with an impatient wave of his hand.

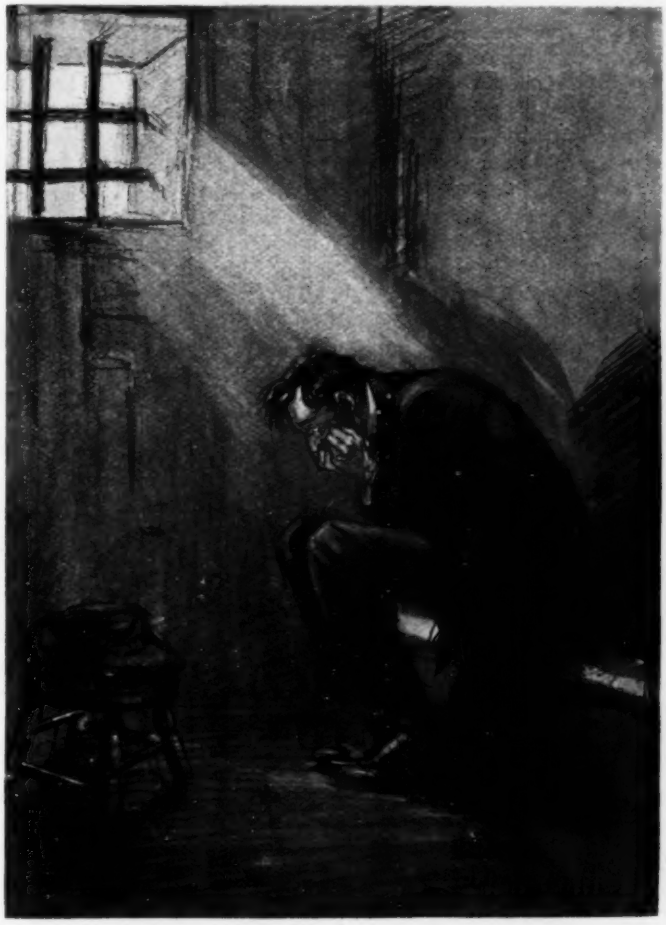
"I'm not going to give you nothing on that," he said severely, and turned his back without more ado.

As the young lawyer slunk out of the shop, he observed that the broker had picked up the telephone receiver.

After walking a few blocks to collect his scattered wits and to concoct a credible story to account for his possession of a lady's bracelet and ring, Mr. Ware made a second attempt. At this place he found a gentleman of a distinctly different type—a fat and unctuous gentleman who greeted him quite blandly as "brother" and smiled like a cat as he inspected the bracelet.

"And where," he inquired suavely, lifting a cold blue eye to Mr. Ware's face, "where, might I ask, did you get this?"

The attorney forced himself to return the glance, and in an elaborately casual manner delivered the fabrication he had rehearsed. The merchant nodded, smiled again, and laid a most friendly hand on his shoulder. He was sorry, he said, that he could not accommodate the gentleman, but — he would understand — his place was a little too public, the police



Mr. Ware sat on the edge of his cot, his face in his hands

were always looking over his pledges, and he could not afford the risk of loss. However, he had a relative who lived down near the river who was accustomed to deal in such matters, and who was a man of discretion. Here was his address. He wished the gentleman good-evening.

Yet more dazed, Mr. Ware found himself bowed out by this second pawnbroker. He stood uncertainly on the sidewalk for a moment, and then yielding to a blind impulse to hide himself, hurried off toward his lodging.

There, as he turned in to mount the steps, he noticed that two men were stepping briskly along after him about a hundred yards away. He entered the house, ascended the stairs to his own room, shut himself in, and was just taking out the black tin box to replace therein the bracelet and ring, when a sharp and authoritative rap sounded on the door. Before he could rise to receive the visitor, however, the door was rudely flung open and without waiting for an invitation, two men strode in.

One of them threw aside his coat to exhibit a star, and then laying a hand on the attorney's shoulder, announced that he might consider himself a prisoner. The other, after pointing to the incriminating objects which the open tin box displayed, and smiling grimly at his companion, commenced a quick but thorough search, first of Mr. Ware's room, then of his person. Half-an-hour later, the hapless young attorney found himself staring stupidly through the bars of a cell at Central Station, and wondering for what reward that first pawnbroker had denounced him to the police.

For some hours, in the utter prostration of despair, Mr. Ware sat huddled on the edge of his cot with his face in his hands. In the next cell, a negro footpad was profaning with a monotonous reiteration of expletives; a little beyond, two prisoners quarreled with maudlin insistence; now and then, from another part of the building, came the sound of a woman's hysterical screaming. Yet these noises hardly reached the dulled ears of the latest prisoner; even when footsteps sounded in the corridor without, and a key turned in the lock of his door, he only looked around listlessly. When the door opened, however, he jumped to his feet with a sudden exclamation. Ushered in by a guard, there stood before him the old gentleman in the brown ulster!

Shutting the door behind him, the warden withdrew. The old gentleman pushed his broad felt hat to the back of his head, mopped his brow, and smiled benignantly.

"Well, well, my boy," said he, "you seem to have got yourself into trouble."

Mr. Ware turned very red, strove to speak and choked.

"*I* have gotten myself into trouble!" he burst out finally. "Why, you infernal scoundrel—"

"Tut-tut, my boy," interposed the older man with a dignified wave of his hand. "That is hardly a seemly fashion in which to address your uncle."

"My uncle!"

The old gentleman bowed slightly.

"Your Uncle Archibald," he announced. "Archibald Ware, of Solitude City, New Mexico."

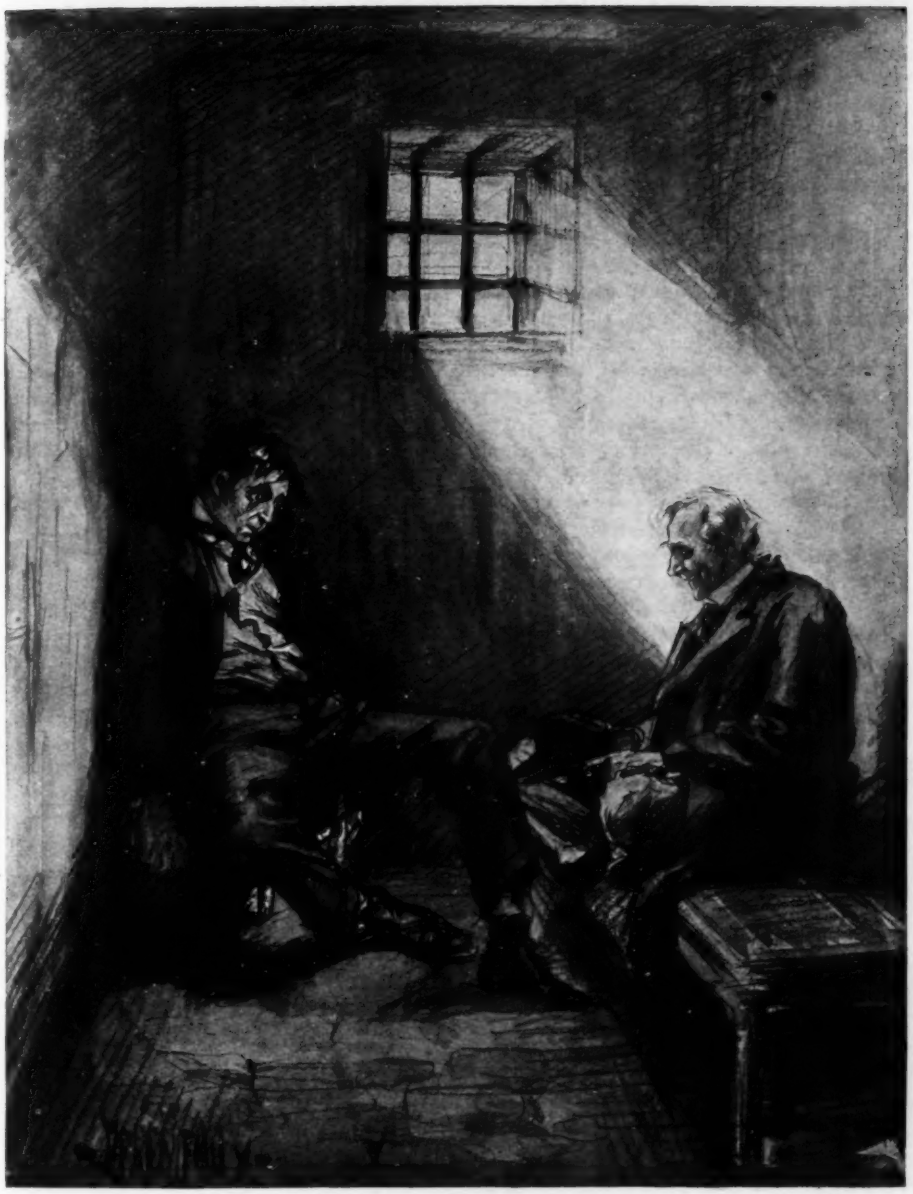
"But I have no Uncle Archibald!"

"In that opinion, my dear Adrian," returned his visitor, "you are much mistaken. Come, my boy, sit down; and while the police captain out there is making up his mind whether the evidence I have submitted warrants him in locking me up, too, or in turning you loose—I must admit that he seems much inclined toward the former decision—I will try to make the situation clear to you."

Breathing heavily, the younger Mr. Ware sank back on a stool. The old gentleman perched himself cross-legged on the cot in the attitude of a Buddha and smiled with the face of a benevolent imp.

"So it would seem, my cherished Adrian," he began, "that your late father — of blessed memory — never troubled himself to tell you of his younger brother, Archibald. Well, well —that was not a strange omission, I must confess, for there was no love lost between us. He regarded me—quite justly, too—as a most unmentionable scalawag. The old story, my dear nephew:

"I was the black sheep of the family,



The old gentleman smiled, with the face of a benevolent imp

went the pace, finally broke with all my relatives, left for the West, and was supposed to have gone to the devil in my own way. I will not trouble you with the details of my personal history, but may state that eventually, I went to raising sheep—of the Shropshire variety—in New Mexico. Perhaps I was attracted to them by some subtle affinity. At any rate I prospered; and last year, at the age of sixty-eight, feeling the weight of my years growing heavy upon me, I retired from the active management of my business and prepared to execute my will. Here—

"You are following me, my dear nephew?"

"I am doing my best, sir," the young

attorney replied dryly. "Pray continue."

"Well, as I was saying, I here found myself confronted by a difficulty. A childless bachelor, with small respect for pauperizing charitable institutions, I had decided to leave my worldly possessions to such relatives as I had, yet I knew nothing of them—nothing of their needs, their deserts, their characters. I, therefore, determined to inquire into these matters; and casting about for an effective means of so doing, recalled that always, in my experience, the true inward nature of men had been best brought out when they had been suddenly confronted by some absolutely unforeseen circumstance, some inexplicable problem. Acting on this principle, I devised a method which would bring this about, and at the same time furnish a pleasant diversion to cheer my declining years.

"Well, I began with your cousin Mehitabel, a middle-aged maiden-lady living in New Bedford, Massachusetts. To her, I caused to be delivered a packing case containing, in its several compartments, a living armadillo, three new gentlemen's silk hats, and an elaborately frosted wedding-cake. The confidential man whom I employed to keep watch over the case reported that the lady was indescribably perturbed at the reception of these articles, but eventually became calmer and presented the beast to the Zoological Garden, the silk hats to the Salvation Army, and the cake to the children of the neighborhood. Thus I learned that she was a sensible and charitable, if somewhat commonplace little dame, and have treated her accordingly in my last will and testament. The mysterious gift, I learn, is still a staple of conversation at the New Bedford Browning Club.

"I next turned my avuncular attention to your cousin, Reginald. But perhaps my garrulity wearies you, my dear Adrian?"

"Not at all," his nephew hastened to assure him. "Believe me, I am intensely interested."

"Well, I sent to your Cousin Reginald, who is a business-man of Pittsburg, an anonymous letter, threatening him with a violent and painful death if he did not deposit a sum of money in the cleft of a certain tree in the park—a conventional blackmailing epistle, in fact. The result was disappointing, yet an illumination of Reginald's character, for he had the cowardice to obey the letter implicitly. I have caused him to be reimbursed, and for form's sake have made him a small bequest of money—also a patent burglar-alarm, a subscription to the *Ladies Fireside World,* an *edition de luxe* of Louisa M. Alcott, and some other trifles which I thought would please him.

"My third experiment was upon your cousin, Felicia, a young lady living in Denver, Colorado. Reverting to my first method, I caused to be delivered to her a box containing a Peruvian mummy, with a considerable sum in bank-notes hidden under the wrappings. Your cousin Felicia is a clever lady—how she found it out I cannot tell, presumably, however, by discovering, beguiling, and corrupting my confidential observer. At any rate, within two weeks I received a pleasant note from her, thanking me for my two gifts, and inviting me to visit her. Although it hardly seemed that she was in need of any assistance from me, I have left her five thousand. I've no doubt she'll double it within a twelvemonth.

"You now, my dear Adrian, doubtless understand my motive in presenting to you the black tin box and its contents. It was an experiment like the others, varied only in that I sought the added diversion of making the gift in person. I will confess that I have been grievously disappointed in you, Adrian. Here I make you a valuable present, and what is the result? In two weeks, as my confidential observer reports, you have only grazed the insane asylum to land in jail. I fear--"

Here the door was opened and they were disturbed by the warden and the police captain. The latter seemed in temper, and beckoned them rudely.

"Clear out of this," he growled, "the two of you. And mind the next cell you land in isn't a padded one."

"Well, my dear nephew," continued Mr. Archibald Ware, when they had regained the freedom of the outer world,

"as I was saying, I have been grievously disappointed in you. Yet I believe in the soundness of the principle, 'From every man according to his merit, to every man according to his need.' And so believing, I could hardly neglect you. Besides, I will admit that it will take a great deal to compensate you for the past fortnight's undeserved anxiety. Moreover, one of your poems—which I found the police captain reading with a most curious expression on his face, as I entered—pleases me very much. Something about sheep, I believe—gamboling upon the greensward. Therefore, my cherished Adrian, I have decided to bequeath to you my sheep ranch down on the Rio Grande. You accept? Good! And now, my boy, I beg you to forgive and forget. Come—I have discovered a café where the food is excellent and the wine undeniably superb! We shall have a mutton chop—a Shropshire mutton chop—together."

A Point in Fact

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I

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY slipped a wide elastic band about the papers and locked his desk. For a few moments he sat idly tapping the packet against the polished wood, while his weary mind ran over the chain of facts that had cost him so many weeks of labor, vainly searching for some flaw, some loose, unknotted end. Then, with a little sigh of relief at the completion of his task, he arose, and stepped briskly into the chief's office.

It was long after hours, but the District Attorney was still at his desk; his boyish, tired face was knotted in a scowl as he glared at the printed sheets before him. At his side, a cigaret was adding another black blister to the smooth surface of his desk and the room was filled with the bitter odor of burning varnish, as the Assistant hastily rescued the little brass bowl from the floor.

The Chief glanced up quickly.

"Oh, thank you, Jimmy," he said apologetically, "I had forgotten the blamed thing!"

His voice was plaintive as he regarded the papers again.

"I was laboring under the delusion that Ogden had *read* this proof," he said. "But it would cost us the case to send it in this way! I don't know—it seems to me that the printers go out of their way— What have *you* got? Warner?"

The Assistant nodded.

"Finished?"

"Complete."

"Got him?"

The Assistant pulled up a chair.

"I'm afraid so," he said despondently.

Suddenly he flared into speech.

"I tell you, Chief, it's a dirty shame! That man Warner is the salt of the earth! Do you know him?"

The District Attorney frowned reflectively.

"Met him somewhere, I think. White hair, very erect, old fashioned manners, soul of honor—all that sort of tl.ing?"

"That's the man!" cried the Assistant. "And I tell you, Billy, he *is* the soul of honor. Just a simple, innocent, old-fashioned gentleman—and that bundle of papers will send him to the penitentiary just as surely as— *You* know what the newspapers will do to him! And there isn't a shadow of doubt. Legally, he's as guilty as the devil!"

The Chief lit a cigaret.

"Too bad! Too bad!" he said, sympathetically. "What is it? The Burke crowd, I suppose? Can't you get at *them* at all?"

"Warner could get them," said the Assistant, bitterly, "but they've got him completely fooled. Why, Billy, the simple

old man thinks they're honest! They've talked duty and honor till I verily believe that the Angel Gabriel himself couldn't persuade him that they're crooks.

"I went to see him; I tried to talk to him, but he wouldn't have it. He said I was insulting him, through his friends. Gad! He made me feel like an impertinent, dirty little boy throwing mud at a respectable old lady!

"And then he referred me to his lawyers, Barrett & Barrett! Burke's own people!

"Oh, we'll convict him—but morally, I'm just as sure that he's innocent as I am that the Burke gang are crooks. It doesn't seem right, Billy, some way."

"And if we don't prosecute," said the Chief, mildly, "what'll the papers do to us? Not that I care a tinker's damn about them; I'm used to it. Because every one knows that something's wrong, and we know it, too, they forget that we've got to have proof. Why, if I tried every case that the yellow journals try, every day and *get convictions*, I'd cost the State—"

"But in this case they'd be right, Jimmy. If he wont stop letting them use him for a blind, we'll have to go ahead. When's it called?"

"Fall session," said the Assistant. "Oh, I know you're right, Billy. We've got to do it. But, by Gad, it seems a shame to get one of the few honest men I know, just because the crooks are clever enough to use him!"

The Chief tucked the papers in his desk.

"I'll try to see him, myself, while you're away," he said. "Might be able to do something. You're starting tonight?"

The Assistant stretched luxuriously.

"Yes, sir," he grinned. "I've locked my desk—by the way, here's the key, if you should happen to want my memorandum or anything—and I'm not going to read, or think, or dream about a case for three weeks!"

"Bully boy!" said the Chief. "Going home, you said? Old farm in Woonsocket, near the trout-brooks, and all that?"

"Just so—only it's Beverly and they're bass," laughed the Assistant. "Uncle's got a farm out there—I lived there myself for ten years when I was a kiddie, but I haven't been back for ten more. But I'll bet the bass are there yet."

The District Attorney reached for a lower drawer, scattering the papers for the State *vs.* The Sewage Commission to the winds in his haste, and drew forth a little cardboard box.

"Here!" he cried excitedly. "Try this, Jimmy! It's a corker! Only artificial minnow ever made! By Gad, they'll climb trees for it! You try it."

The Assistant regarded the tiny, painted thing suspiciously.

"H'm," he said, dubiously. "I like bass-frogs, myself—those little spotted fellows—"

"Rubbish!" said the Chief. "Be a sport and try my minnow!"

"All right," laughed the Assistant, "I will."

At the door he turned.

"If—if you *could* do anything with old Warner," he said, "I'd consider it a personal favor. For some reason I feel horribly guilty about the thing."

"I'll try," said the Chief. "Good-by, Jimmy, and good luck. Gad! Wish I was going with you!"

"I wish you were," echoed the Assistant heartily.

II

The Assistant District Attorney closed the door stealthily behind him and stepped out into the full glory of the early dawn.

Instinctively he quickened his steps and glanced hastily over his shoulder, half fearful of the well-remembered call from an upper window:

"Jimmy, Jimmy! You come back and do your chores."

Then, almost at a run, he dodged behind the great butternut tree and fled into the dim protection of the apple orchard.

Guiltily he sped over the damp grass, between the rows of ancient trees, until the orchard began to lose its staid demeanor and finally, with a little giggle at its own temerity, picked up its skirts

and stepped boldly into the new growth at the edge of the woods.

The Assistant made unerringly for the large oak stump, forcing his way along the tiny trail, rank with green growth.

"Gee!" he chuckled, "I guess no one uses this path any more. I used to keep it hard as asphalt!"

The trail shook itself loose from the interlacing vines and stepped sedately into an old wood-road. The Assistant stooped hastily for a jagged bit of rock.

"I thought so!" he whispered.

His voice rose to an angry shout, as the gray-brown form scurried away and whipped into the hole between two projecting roots.

"Missed him! Someway I never *could* hit that 'chuck. He dodges just as well as ever, too. But, on sober second thoughts, that must be his great, great, great grandson at the very least."

For half a mile the lane wound among the trees, but as he crossed the brook on the three great stones, the Assistant deserted it for another tiny path.

"Somebody's keeping up this trail, all right," he said. "All the boys around here aren't asleep! I wonder if they've found our Secret Place?"

Eagerly he pressed forward, heedless of the little branches that slapped his face with damp, leafy fingers, till suddenly the beaten trail turned sharply and before him in the hollow of the hills, lay the little lake, glistening in the first rays of the early sun.

Wondering, he gazed at the familiar outlines.

"By George!" he murmured. "There's not a change! I'll bet if I whistled loud enough, Garry would answer from the Place."

Abruptly he turned, and began to scramble up the great ridge of rock that based the steep, wooded bank. Here and there a crevice gave him foothold or a tough vine aided his ascent, but he was breathless as he crawled on hands and knees through the heavy ring of bushes that circled the wide ledge.

"No one's been *here*," he puffed exultantly, "for years and years! We'd never found it ourselves if it hadn't been for that gray squirrel—"

He burst into the opening and paused dumbfounded.

For in the clearing, just before the mouth of the cave, a fire crackled, and kneeling above the little blaze a girl, with great gray eyes, was regarding him wonderingly.

For the moment, he saw only the cool depth of the eyes; gradually he became aware of the fish in the pan and the fragrant odor of coffee.

Suddenly the girl broke the silence with a little bubble of laughter.

"I'm real! Honestly I am. Don't be afraid, Mr. Actæon, I wont turn you into a deer."

"But I—"

The Assistant was still lost in wonderment. "You see—you see—no one was ever here before, except Garry and I, of course. And there wasn't a sign on the rock path—so—"

She drew in her mouth until the smile was gone, save for two ungovernable dimples.

"Which clearly proves," she said, gravely, "that I am a fairy, with wings, so you'd better be careful! But how did you ever find *my* Place?"

"*Your* Place?" echoed the Assistant. "Why, it's *my* Place! Garry's and mine. We found it one day when we were chasing a squirrel, and we've used it ever since. We used to keep our rods and pans and things in the cave, with wood for rainy weather, and—"

"Oh," she cried joyfully. "Was it you? You can't imagine the stories I've made about the boys who had this place. Father bought the land for me because I loved the little lake so much, but when I found the cave—"

The Assistant flushed.

"Then I'm trespassing! You must pardon me, but I haven't been here for ten years and we used—"

"Oh, no, no!" cried the girl, eagerly. "You're not trespassing! I'm the interloper. Why, merely buying a place like this don't mean anything. If you knew how I've longed to know about the boys who left the frying-pan in the cave—of course it's too old to really use—and two fishhooks I found—I use one now, because it's lucky."

The coffee pot bubbled over and the Assistant sprang to her aid.

"You can't imagine," he said, brazenly, "what an appetite one gets walking in the early morning! I couldn't cook at home, because my Aunt Lavinia might have caught me and made me stay home to do the chores. Do you think that it's healthy to go so long without food?" he ended suggestively.

The girl deftly turned the great fish out of the pan upon a hot tin plate.

"If you think," she said sternly, "that I arise at dawn to catch and cook breakfast for impertinent, hinting little farmer boys—what was your name?"

The Assistant took heart at the tense of her verb.

"Jimmy," he grinned.

"And I," she said, gravely, "am Titania, Queen of all the Fairies. You really should kneel, you know, when you speak to me, but I'll forgive you for your manners have been plainly neglected. You'll find another plate and cup in the Royal Cave, Jimmy, but you'll have to use your fingers for a fork."

III

The Assistant cast gloomily at an old stump with the much-despised painted minnow.

"Climb trees for it!" he growled. "I don't believe a bass would touch it if you pushed it into his mouth! I think the blamed thing has frightened them all out of the lake and—"

He cast viciously and succeeded in lodging the three hooks in the tough wood.

"There," he said, in somber triumph, "they'll have to climb for it, now."

With an angry jerk he broke the line and, grumbling, began to attach a new leader.

A black, black day, in truth!

"You seemed disturbed about something," came sweetly from above, and looking up he saw her smiling at him from the bushes of the Place.

A golden day, after all—there was something rare about the sunshine on the waters!

"Oh, there you are!" he cried, gladly. "I thought you weren't coming! I'll be up in a jiff!"

"How gracefully you climb, Jimmy," she said approving, "something like a hippopotamus ascending a fragile palm tree. Do be careful of that little bush, or I shall have to summon the court-physicians to put you together again. Oh, why don't you get some wings, and fly here, as I do?"

Without deigning to reply, he followed her to the cave.

"I thought you weren't coming," he repeated reproachfully.

She regarded him coldly.

"And had you any reason to suppose that I *would* come?" she demanded haughtily.

But at the sight of his doleful face she relented joyously.

"The presumption of a common mortal—a farmer's boy, at that—in questioning the Queen of the Fairies! But if you must know, there were Dukes and Earles for lunch at the Palace. Fortunately, there were just enough for a rubber of bridge, so that I could escape for an hour or so. Any luck?"

"Not a strike!" he said, dejectedly. "I've tried everything—even that bally minnow. It's lucky that you've lunched."

"You forget," she said, with dignity, "that I am a Fairy! Enter the Royal Cave, Oh Mortal, and see what you shall behold."

She waved the tip of his rod in the air, muttering weird spells, and the Assistant bore forth the little basket in triumph.

"You're a trump," he said, as he brushed up the crumbs and filled his pipe. "We've always had bass before. What made you bring—"

Her stern glance threw him into confusion.

"I mean—isn't it fortunate that you had your wand."

She smiled again.

"It wouldn't have mattered," she affirmed airily. "I only carry a wand to conform to the fairy tales. The best Fays don't really use them at all, now. Wandless magic is the keynote of modern Fairyland— Oh look!"

She caught her breath and clutched his arm in ecstacy.

In the clearing below them, a great, red fox trotted up to the waters edge, stepping daintily among the damp rocks. As they watched him, in rigid silence, a puff of wind carried their scent to him and he stiffened into instant immobility.

Then suddenly the place where he had been was empty and there was neither sight nor sound to point the trail by which he vanished.

"The beauty!" she whispered.

"If I'd had my gun—" began the Assistant.

She turned on him with flashing eyes.

"You wouldn't!" she cried, fiercely. "You couldn't! The red darling! Promise me, promise me, on your honor, that you'll never, never, *never* shoot one! Promise me that you'll never shoot any wild thing—for sport!"

He quailed before her fury.

"I promise," he said meekly—nor did he have a single regret for the autumn woods and his smooth pointer.

She smiled at him in triumph.

"That's a good boy," she approved. "All the wild things are my servants, you see. That one's name is Red Fluff, and he came to tell me that my presence is urgently required at the Palace."

"Ah, no!" begged the Assistant.

But she was firm.

"You'll come to-morrow?" he asked anxiously.

"To-morrow," she chided sternly, "is Sunday. If you had stopped to count the days you would have known. It was Monday that I allowed myself to become visible to you and—"

She counted off the days on her brown fingers.

"And five makes Saturday. Therefore, to-morrow undoubtedly must be Sunday."

"But you'll come?" he insisted.

"Fairies," she said lightly, "have to vanish on Sunday, and little, ragged boys have to put on shoes and collars and go to church. Oh, yes, you do, Jimmy," she reproved. "You know you do."

"Monday then," he begged.

"What persistency! I believe you are anxious about lunch! But on Monday I am giving a grand reception at the Palace. All the Fairies for miles and miles will come, and I shall receive them on a diamond throne, clad in the robes of state. So I shall have no time for barefoot boys."

He was so sorrowful of mien that she bubbled with laughter.

"I might—perhaps—" she said timidly, "I might get away for an hour or two—"

He was all eagerness.

"But I can't promise—don't wait for me—"

She sprang lightly to her feet.

"Now close your eyes—quick!" she commanded. "And be sure to count the full hundred."

Obediently he bent his head.

"I'll wait on Monday," he said.

"Ah, no!" she whispered eagerly. "Ah, please! I'm not sure—I don't think—"

"I'll wait," he repeated doggedly.

When he counted the full measure he opened his eyes, but he knew there was no need for them, for she was gone.

IV

The Assistant was drawn to the kitchen by the warm odor of frying doughnuts.

"May I have some hot water?" he asked blandly.

His Aunt Lavinia regarded him suspiciously over the rims of her horn spectacles.

"Seems to me them bass are mighty fussy," she said grimly, "to make you shave every day in the week."

"Habit," said the Assistant, didactically, "is a stern master, Aunt Vinny. You may remember that in my youth I formed the habit of going to meeting, and so, yesterday—"

"H'm!" remarked his aunt with added scorn.

"But I *did* go!" protested the Assistant in injured tones.

"An' spent the time peerin' an' starin' about the meetin'-house," said his aunt, sternly, "instead of listenin' to the discourse! Here's your hot water. All I've got to say is, I hope it aint that little, doll-faced Tompkins girl!"

His guilty start splashed a few drops of boiling water upon his hand and in the confusion he escaped to his own room, entirely forgetting to purloin a single doughnut, by which omission his aunt considered her suspicions to be quite fully justified.

Arriving at the lake, he felt a lazy disinclination for fishing, and all the long afternoon he haunted the Secret Place, waiting—but she did not come.

As the sun sank lower behind the hills, he began to see, from his point of vantage, ripple after ripple where the hungry bass were rising, and, descending, he jointed his rod.

They were striking ferociously, and when the gathering dusk warned him of the hour, he had a gleaming heavy string; but still he hesitated on the trail.

Then, with sudden determination, he climbed to the Place and built up the little fire.

On the fresh bass and the remnants of his lunch he feasted in solitary grandeur, and, with his back to the rock, settled himself comfortably with his pipe.

As he smoked, the full, yellow moon began to rise over the lake, gilding the surface of the waters with its pale light.

A strange peacefulness stole over him; the incessant shrilling of the insects intensified the breathless silence of the trees, and from below came a sudden echoing splash where a water-rat dived into the silent waters.

"She will not come," he thought. "She could not come now—but I shall wait."

A distant rustling in the bushes sent his heart into his mouth; in strained expectancy he waited.

Then, from the hillside, a tiny rabbit leaped into the clearing and stood trembling with terror. Suddenly it sprang to his knee, and as his wondering hand caressed the soft fur, he could feel the little heart pounding furiously.

For a moment they waited; then the great red fox charged into the moonlight, his white jaws gleaming and his mane bristling with the fury of the hunt.

Steadily they regarded each other while the tiny ball of fur crouched motionless beneath his hand.

"You cannot have him, Red Fluff," said the Assistant, gently. "He came to me because he is one of her people and he knew me for a brother."

Gradually the wild blaze faded from the yellow eyes, slowly, deliberately, the red hunter turned and slipped into the bushes.

"Little brother," whispered the Assistant, "Little brother, have you any word from her?"

But the quivering little beast hopped tentatively into the clearing, then with a wild dash, once more gained the protecting briars.

"She is not coming," whispered the Assistant. "She sent him to tell me that she could not come."

But still he waited, as the moon rose higher and higher above the waters.

Then suddenly he drew a deep wondering breath, for she was standing before him, gazing with great, timid eyes into his own.

Her little slippers and flimsy skirt were splashed with glistening dew and where her shining cloak parted, a great red rose clung to the whiteness of her bosom.

He rubbed his arm across his eyes.

"Titania!" he whispered, incredulously. "Titania! Princess! Have you come?"

"Ah, no!" she whispered, brokenly. "I am not real—I could not— But you said—Ah, why did you wait—"

He stared dumbly.

"I—it was so—so dark in the woods and I—was so afraid! If you—had not been here—"

He caught her hands.

"Titania," he breathed.

She strained away from him.

"Ah, no! Ah, please!" she murmured tremblingly. "I must—"

"Titania," he insisted. "Queen of all the world."

Slowly she ceased to strain from him, her gleaming head turned till her great frightened eyes met his.

Then with a trembling, happy sigh she gave him her lips.

And for a long time they sat together, staring silently out over the waters, while the insects drowsed interminably in the golden moonlight.

V

The District Attorney's face brightened as he looked up from his papers.

"Jo, Jimmy," he said. "Gad! you're looking brown and fit! Did you try my minnow?"

The Assistant sank listlessly into a chair.

"I've come in to give you my resignation, Chief," he said abruptly.

"Heat affecting your brain?" asked the other anxiously. "Or is that the form of humor prevalent in that country?"

But the Assistant's voice held no answering note of jest.

"It's the Warner case," he said dully. "I can't try it."

The Chief gazed at him in mild inquiry.

"What's the matter?" he asked. "Think the old man's a martyr and all that?"

"My reasons are personal," said the Assistant stiffly.

Suddenly he leaned forward.

"It's his daughter, Billy," he said. "I don't need to tell you—that's between you and me—but you've got a right to know about it. Of course, I know I'm putting you in a hole, but it's an open and shut case—you've got all the papers. Give it to Ogden, try it yourself, but as a personal favor, let me out.

"I—I can't do it, Billy! First Warner, himself—and then his daughter—I can't do it."

The Chief said nothing and the Assistant's voice was almost pleading.

"You see how it is, Billy. I met her at Beverly and we—we were engaged—and then I found out that she was Warner's daughter. Of course, I went to see him—I did everything I could. He heard me out about—about her, but when I tried to talk about the case—Oh, what's the use! She wont have anything more to do with me, but I'll be blamed if I'm going to try the case against her father."

The District Attorney whirled suddenly in his chair and placed a hand on the Assistant's shoulder.

"Cheer up, Jimmy!" he said. "It's all right, you know. Beastly of me to let you run on this way, but I wanted to get your end of it. You see, old Warner told me all about it. Met me by 'phone appointment, yesterday. He said that any office with a boy in it who could put up as square a line of talk as you gave him couldn't be as rotten as he had thought—or words to that effect. Said he owed it to his daughter to hear our side of it and wanted to talk things over.

"Gad! In just about twenty minutes he was the maddest old man in seven counties! Had to believe the papers I showed him, you know. Gave me enough data to run the Burke gang off the face of the earth. I'm serving them all to-day, and—Where are you going?"

The Assistant paused at the door.

"There's an afternoon train to Beverly," he said excitedly. "I can just make it—Very important—Sorry I—"

"Come back and get your hat," said the Chief mildly. "And she's not in Beverly, anyway. He said she'd come in to town with him—for the winter, I believe."

"Yes—Eighty-first Street."

"No—the subway will be quicker than a taxi."

"Good Heavens, yes! Of course she'll see you."

"No, I wont go with you! See here, Jimmy Varney, if you don't take yourself and your asinine blattings out of this office in about three seconds I'll—I'll commit you to Matteawan!"

The Assistant leaned over and grasped his Chief's hand.

"I congratulate you!" he said warmly. "I mean I wish you many hap—Billy! Do you think she'll see me?"

The Chief arose shaking his head. "Matteawan!" he said in gloomy conviction. "Matteawan and a nice cell!"

And gently but firmly he propelled the Assistant toward the door.

"Bless you, my children, and all that," he said lightly. "Now run along and get it over with. I'm to be best man, you know."

But the Assistant, in the hall, had already forgotten him, for his mind was full of rosy visions of a Secret Place, beside a little lake where he was sure a lady with starry eyes would elect to spend their honeymoon.

Rueber

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ALL the world—except its millionaires flows through Houston street. On the sidewalk pass, quickly or slowly, clean or unclean, Frenchmen, Italians, Germans, Scandinavians, Poles, Russians, Hungarians, Syrians, and Chinamen—all the world's people, whom otherwise one must travel twenty-five thousand miles (or the earth's circumference) to see. It is better, in some ways, to be born in Houston street than to have the Persian wishing-carpet. Yet, though the sidewalks are impassable because of the crowds; though people live so close together that one must ask permission to turn around, in Houston street, there is also—loneliness.

"Donello," said Madame Jaenal, in her second story front room, "make an outlook and see if he is at his window."

The boy looked out.

"Be certain, *madame;* he is always at his window. It would be like sickness to him if he could not look out into the street."

"Then move the curtain, so that I can wave my hand to him; and if it was not that I am too old for such girl's foolishness, I would make a kiss on my fingers—for he is of all men the best."

Madame Jaenal was young, pretty and a widow.

"Have you ever thought, Donello," she added, "how it would be if you grew up into a man like that? When he stands there, there goes past Emil Kollenberg, whom he helped to get work; and sometimes Frank Lespinasse, whose mother he kept from going to the county house; and sometimes Konsikowski, for whose son he made a whole suit of clothes for nothing, so that at the school nobody would laugh at him. All those people smile at seeing him, and, passing, it comes into their heads, 'There is the good Mr. Rueber.'"

She drew a deep breath, glancing at a portrait of her dead husband, who had been tall, with a beard which failed to hide an unpleasant face.

The window across the street bore gilt letters: "Rueber & Forner, American Clothiers. Suits also Made to Order." Behind it, plump, bald-headed Rueber returned her wave.

"At what do you wave?" asked Forner, jealously, from the cutting table.

"At Madame Jaenal, Gus; she is at her window."

"It seems to me she is always at her window."

"I look at her through the glass only, Gus; it means nothing. *Ach!*" he sighed, smiling slightly, "it comes to me that all my life that is how I have looked at everything — at the world — as if through a window. I see whoever is passing, and I give smiles to them—to men, and to men's wives, and to men's children. But I look only."

He was silent a moment.

"It is now forty-two years I have been looking. Till now never has there been in me that strength to take from among them a wife of my own, and have a child of my own to give smiles to. Yet, Gus, I have seen how men do it; there comes near them something they wish, and they go out and by strength they take it. I have looked only. But now it shall be different."

He turned on Forner, his mild blue eyes filled with determination, and he no longer smiled.

The latch rattled but no head appeared in the glass-panel; then the door opened



"How do I know but that is what you are preparing for Louise?"

and a child, so small that the wooden bottom of the door had concealed her, came in, holding up with one hand her stocking. Rueber looked uneasily at Gus over his shoulder, while a penny passed guiltily from him to the child, who went out again.

"What child is that?" asked Forner angrily.

"A penny is not much, Gus."

"I said—what child?"

"That is the youngest child of Peter Komorus."

"Then it is not behaving different from all its family, Otto," answered Forner bitterly. "It gives me a sickness that that family should know you are so easy. If there is no work, comes the father; if there is need of clothes, comes the mother. The son, who is no good, comes also. And twice a week comes the daughter, that Louise, to fix up our books, when Gott knows the books are better off without her. Before she began keeping our books we knew who owed us, but now it is not the devil himself can tell if we lose money or have a profit. Whoever pays us, pays from good-nature only."

Rueber answered nothing.

"That is the worst of all," Forner shook his head sadly, "that you should be fooled by that family."

"It is not I that am fooled, Gus," Rue-

ber answered quietly. "Watch a little and you will see something."

"Otto—for Gott's sake! it is not of Louise you are thinking?"

The top of Rueber's bald head grew pink before he answered.

"It is fierce, Gus, to have so much quarreling. Make your face pleasant now, for I think she is coming."

She came presently, with dark hair neatly drawn over her broad brow, in a dark dress; it was not possible to think of Peter Komorus and his wife in their dirt and believe she was their daughter. She spoke pleasantly, while she was making funnels of wrapping-paper to protect her sleeves, and Rueber, sidling up to Forner stealthily, whispered:

"Look, Gus, how pretty!" His tone grew suddenly anxious. "It seems to me she has been crying."

"Is that my business?" answered Forner fiercely. "Go to the devil! One girl looks like another girl to me!"

There was a sort of cage for the bookkeeper, with a wicket.

Rueber went around into it with her, and pointed, saying:

"Everything is there. On this paper is written what has been paid to us since last time, and on this one what we have paid out. But it must be written into the books, and at the bottom everything must be added—

"*Ach!* you cry? What is the matter?"

She took away a tear from her lower eyelid with the end of her penholder.

"Nothing," she answered quietly.

Rueber, looking through the wicket, saw with surprise Peter Komorus standing on the sidewalk, watching them.

"Did your father come with you?" he asked quickly.

But she, too, seemed surprised to see her father, and Rueber went to the door and opened it.

"Is anything the matter, Peter Komorus?" he asked.

"Nothing is the matter," said Komorus, running his fingers in his beard, "except that I wish to speak to you. But not where it will be heard by persons."

Rueber led him through the shop into the rear room, and Komorus, with his fingers still in his beard, sat down, keeping upon Rueber his eyes, which were small, protuberant, and close together.

"I see," said Komorus, "that you have as usual my Louise keeping the books for you. People look at me. I believe they think a scandal."

The blood stirred in Rueber's cheeks, he looked at Komorus fixedly, then he turned and shut the door between the two rooms.

"Peter Komorus," he said sternly, "I do not see how any scandal can come out of that."

Komorus turned his two hands upon his knees so that the palms were uppermost, and with the same gesture shrugged his shoulders.

"People—people. It is said by some persons that you are in love with her."

Suddenly Rueber raised his clenched hand, as if to threaten Komorus, but Komorus sat perfectly still, without moving hand or foot, and looked at him.

"Well, you do not strike. That is good, Mr. Rueber."

He blinked, combing his beard.

"I and my wife, we have talked this over. It seems to us that you are a rich man, and we would be glad that our Louise should be married to a rich man. She is a beauty; she is worth something. Have you seen how the hair grows on her forehead? And her eyes—how they are large and bright? And her chin? Besides, she has a beautiful figure, which would look nice in good dresses. You see, I have good goods to dispose of. Well, you are in love with her. I am her father, and I say to you: 'Take her.' If you want her, take her."

From force of habit Rueber turned to the window; he had not expected this offer from Komorus, and it perplexed him—if he could see people it made thinking easier, but this window opened onto a back yard which had no people in it, and it did not help him.

"I am not asking anything," said Komorus. "Some men would say, give me one thousand dollars, or, give me two thousand dollars; for you are rich enough to do that. But I am not that kind of a man. I have good goods, but I prefer to give them. I say, take her for nothing. It will not be any worse for us in our

old age, it seems to me, because our daughter is married to a rich man."

His eyes, which were very bright, watched Rueber closely.

"It may be that you have not made up your mind," he said finally, when Rueber did not answer. "In that case I say, go into the shop again and look at her. See her hands, which have not been spoiled by working, and her back, which is as straight as an officer's."

Rueber turned away from the window.

"It is not necessary for me to look again, Peter Komorus," he said eagerly. "What have I been doing for a year but looking at her?"

He walked up and down the room rapidly, his fingers clasped behind him, then stopped and stretched toward Komorus a hand which shook. His whole body was trembling with happiness.

"I will not hide anything from you, Komorus. For a long time I have been talking this thing with myself. Who can give her more than I can? I have here with Forner this store, which we own. I have also two flat-buildings; and except that they are rented to very poor people, so that in one a family has lived now for a whole year without being able to pay any rent, they are good property."

"I had heard of those flat-buildings," said Komorus; his small eyes glittered.

"Till now, however, Peter Komorus, I had been saying to myself that there were in me certain disadvantages." Rueber tapped with his fingers his own bald head. "You see how my hair has gone away, like snow melting off of a roof? I did not think anything when it was going, but now I would give a thousand dollars to have it back again."

"A rich man does not need hair," said Komorus sententiously.

"It is kind of you to say that," Rueber laughed with happiness. "I will tell you something, Peter. Do you know that before you came in I had made up my mind to ask Louise from you? What do you think of that?"

He put his hand on Komorus' shoulder and shook him delightedly.

"Peter, there is something that all my life I have missed. Now I shall get it. From the beginning I have been by myself—no father, no mother, no brother, no sister. Well. I have not really lived as yet. At first I could not find food even for my own mouth, so what use was it for me to think about women. Afterward it had become like a habit that I should not think of myself as being married, as having children — that I should give candy to other people's children, and be content with that. And so it was until I saw Louise, but now it is different. Peter, when I first looked at her I was like Moses when he saw God in the burning bush, such awe took hold of me. All day I have in my body a sort of tingling. That is only a girl, your daughter— Well, I would walk to her on my knees—

"It seems to you, probably, that I am talking a kind of foolishness?"

"Love is not everything," said Komorus shortly.

"It is more than people would believe who have not felt it."

"I consider two flat-buildings more important than love."

"I am not thinking anything about flat-buildings," said Rueber gayly, as he opened the door; and he led Komorus through the shop.

Komorus touched Rueber's elbow as they passed the bookkeeper's cage.

"You see I do not say any more about keeping the books," he whispered. "It is right a woman should watch over the money of her husband."

Rueber, who had been looking at Louise, turned his eyes away quickly; he thrilled, and with red cheeks he nodded at Komorus.

On the step outside, Peter Komorus' youngest child was sitting, but Peter passed it as if he did not know it was there. Then Louise came, going out to dinner, and she looked at the child hopelessly.

"I try to keep them clean," she said sadly. "It is not much use. Come, it is time for dinner."

"I will go home when I am ready," the child answered defiantly.

For a little way, before the crowd swallowed her, Louise was visible, her body lithely swaying. The sight sent warm thrills through Rueber; he seemed floating in happiness. Anyone needing



"Tell me—he has not been hurt? Tell me!"

help ought to have come to him then.

Then he turned to the child:

"Is there trouble in your family? It seemed to me to-day your sister has been crying."

"No-o, everything goes good now. They are working." The child looked up slyly. "Is there another penny?"

"What! two in one day?" said Rueber, but he felt for the penny and gave it, laughing joyfully. It was strange how like to the face of Peter Komorus was the face of the child.

Her little eyes narrowed:

"She cries because of Paul."

In Rueber's throat the laugh died suddenly.

"Of Paul?" he anxiously questioned.

"She thinks about him all the time. Paul asked her to marry him. Everybody was angry. Now they say the best thing is to get her married quickly. I would not have told you except you bought it with the penny."

"Great Gott! I was not buying anything!"

All things seemed suddenly to have moved away from Rueber to an incredible distance.

"Is Paul then not good?" he asked choking.

"Oh, he is good, but he has not money. Of what use to have children, if they do not marry people who can keep the old ones?"

"What Paul is that?" asked Rueber stifling.

"Don't you know. He makes little photographs. The back is sticky. When you like a girl you get her picture. Then you stick it on your toolbox, on the seat at the theater, everywhere. It makes her proud. Then by-and-by she marries you. It is a great invention, but it is not much money."

"I know. You mean Paul Jaffe."

Things had come back to Rueber, but how altered! He sat down in the chair which stood inside the door of the shop, and put his head into his hands, thinking; and he kept his back carefully turned toward Forner, who was getting ready to go out, for he felt sure some change had come into his face which Forner would notice.

Was it not to him but to Paul Jaffe that that lithe body and gentle soul were ready to yield themselves in love? He was not ready to believe that. In old times, when men did not care what women thought but if they wanted them took them by power of greater strength, he could have taken Louise, not caring, held her close, kissed her! But, indeed, present times were not so different, since men still took women against their will —by power of money. He was resolved that by one means or another he would have her. And his flesh began to burn and tingle; he felt Louise between his arms, struggling but unable to get away.

Forner went out, speaking to him, but he did not answer nor look up.

Then suddenly Peter rose and went to the window, for he had recollected that at this same hour almost every day Paul Jaffe passed the shop, and now he wanted to look at him. Before long he saw him coming, with quick steps threading his way among the people—it was true Paul Jaffe was not bad-looking; his skin had not that unhealthy pallor that marked so many of the passers.

This time Paul did not pass the shop, but put his hand upon the latch and entered.

"Good. You are here, Mr. Rueber," he said, smiling. "And you are alone?"

"There is nobody here," said Rueber, looking at him strangely.

Paul sat down, for a moment turning his hat between his fingers; then he looked up at Rueber. He had a winning face, boyish and intelligent.

"There is something—" he spoke hesitatingly. "Mr. Rueber, they say whoever needs anything in this neighborhood comes to you. I did not ever expect to do that." He smiled again. "Now I am doing it. You know — Louise Komorus—"

He got up as if he could not sit still any longer, and laid his hat on the chair. But as he approached Rueber, Rueber drew away from him.

"Mr. Rueber, Louise—when she was little, at school I used to bring an apple to put on her desk so she would smile at me. Ever since then whatever I thought, whatever I did, I was thinking

and doing for exactly the same reason —so Louise would smile at me. That is ten years. Now I have told her, 'For ten years I have been loving you'—and that did not displease her either, for again she smiled. So we would like to marry—"

"Well," said Rueber in a thick voice, when he did not go on, "then why do you not marry?"

"That is what I am telling you. We would do it to-morrow—to-day even—but she will not think of that without the consent of her father. I went to Komorus. He was so angry—nothing I can say makes any difference to him."

He came closer to Rueber, who drew back.

"Mr. Rueber, everybody knows how much you have done for Peter Komorus. I thought at first this was because you yourself loved Louise, for to tell you the truth I keep expecting everybody to be in love with her; but she says this is not so, but that you are only a kind of father to her, and all the benefits spring from a sort of kindness that is natural to you."

Rueber winced, keeping his face turned away from Paul.

"So I thought, Mr. Rueber, that if you would go to Peter Komorus on my part—"

"I?" cried Rueber, growing suddenly red.

"Nobody's opinion will mean more to him than yours."

"Perhaps that is so," said Rueber hoarsely, after a long silence, during which he did not look at the young man.

"But first of all it is necessary that I have an opinion of some sort. Now, after this marriage—what?"

Paul hesitated.

"You do not understand?" said Rueber "Life does not end at marriage, but begins there. It is to be supposed then that you know how you are going to live —you have money?"

"No, I have not," Paul answered quickly. "For that reason Komorus is angry."

"It is a fine thing then that you ask me to do—to go to Peter Komorus with this matter! A person knows how much he wishes to risk his daughter. Perhaps," he said harshly, "you intend that Louise shall make vests."

Paul hung his head.

"That will wear out her hands and her spirit—she grows old before her time. Is it love that would do that to her? But there are worse things." His face was now red with anger. "In the Haymarket on mornings many vegetables fall from the wagons, and women with shawls upon their heads scramble for what is falling."

The young man faced him, his cheeks suffused, his eyes flashing, but Rueber did not stop.

"How do I know but that is what you are preparing for Louise?" he cried, lifting his hand and shaking it in front of Paul.

"Mr. Rueber, it is not right to talk to me like that."

"Not right? It is true just the same," Rueber shouted fiercely. "She picks up vegetables from the street, and she gets hard. I know it. Her hands get hard, and her face gets cruel and selfish. The soul gets hard inside of her. It does not keep on, as ought to be, getting always bigger—shining on other people, shining on her children—becoming always more soul and less body. No! She is hungry. Her body cries for food. Always, because it is never satisfied, her body grows more important, her soul gets more little. It is not Louise any longer." His voice choked. "It is not even woman. It is a thing, which in rags goes through alleys, more terrible than an animal in a wood, and boys throw stones at it."

"Mr. Rueber!"

"Say nothing. It is you, Paul Jaffe," he pointed accusingly, "that has made this alley-thing, because when she was young and knew no better, you came to her and said, 'See what I offer you—it is Love. Of all things in the world it is most important. It turns to gold everything. With Love, comes not hunger nor coldness, but always light and happiness and joyous living.'—No! it is not love that brings unhappiness to what it is loving! You are a rascal! With words you open a pit for Louise—it is not words the world is made of!"

He stretched out his hands, opening and shutting.

"Go away, Paul Jaffe! No, I will not help you! Go away, if you do not wish that I should choke you. You are a villain!"

Paul, who had turned perfectly white, would have answered him, but it was not possible, for Rueber would listen to nothing. Then Paul seized his hat and fled.

Outside the door, as always, people were passing. But Rueber did not heed them. He walked up and down, pressing his hands together, with tears of anger starting in his eyes. It was by chance only that he was back from the windows where he was not so easily visible. Yet he could not keep on in this way, for Louise soon would be coming back. Dusk was gathering, and he lit the lights.

Before long she came. But now that he saw her, he did not feel that strength to take her in his arms and hold her in spite of struggles that he had felt when he was only thinking of her. If it was not by her own will he could not do it. Rather he would have gone down upon the floor and kissed the bottom of her skirt, giving himself up utterly to obedience to her will. And this was a new trouble, for it left him perplexed.

She had not much left to do, and she quickly finished. Then she called Rueber to look at the books with her.

"Here it is all written up to to-day," she said, pointing to the bottom of the page.

He looked, not seeing the figures, for her nearness was suffocating him.

"The child told me," he said to himself, "and Paul told me, but she herself has never told me if she loves him."

Still he did not dare to say anything.

She put on her coat and said goodnight to him, but when she was at the door, he said suddenly:

"Wait!"

She turned back again.

"Have you heard of anything bad happening to Paul Jaffe?" he asked craftily, not daring to look at her.

She grew white as chalk.

Still not daring to look, he went on in a hoarse and crackling voice:

"You know what accidents happen. He is a young man, daring; such men take chances—"

So he dragged it out, not telling anything, but keeping her in suspense.

All at once he felt her body against him.

"Tell me! tell me!" she fiercely panted, holding him by the coat. "He has not been hurt. Tell me!"

He looked and saw in her face the dread that comes only when someone loved is threatened. A dry sound came from his throat.

"Nothing has happened to him," he said in the same strained voice. "He was here just now. Nothing has happened."

But at first she would not believe him.

She clung to him, panting with anxiety, and he put his arm around her, asserting and reasserting that all was well, until at last she believed it. Then he released her.

"Nothing has happened to Paul," he said again, in a sad voice, "but to me, Louise, something very sorrowful has happened."

She searched his face, suddenly comprehending, and she shrank from him.

How did it happen that he had gone on loving thus, always more and more, not knowing. But he recollected that Komorus, who knew about Paul, nevertheless had come to offer Louise to him.

His blue eyes rested sorrowfully on her.

"At the same time," he said quietly, "your father says I shall have you. When you go home, tell your father to come here."

She fixed upon him a gaze of growing terror, and went.

"*Ach!* so it is," he said regretfully, and waited.

Presently came Komorus, his little eyes twinkling with expectation, and Rueber made him sit down.

"Peter Komorus," said Rueber gently, "I am not going to speak to you about what you are expecting, but about another matter."

He took no heed of Komorus' look of disappointment.

"Peter, I have, as you know, two flat-buildings, and Gus he has two, and



He sat down and put his head into his hands, thinking.

our neighbor Lupinski has three, two on one lot and one on another. Just now Lupinski has a lawsuit, because the man he had looking after his buildings, with loud talking and swearing would bring out furniture to frighten people who did not pay their rent. So the man who owns the next lot, on which is most of the passage into Lupinski's rear building, would like to close the passage up, and that is Lupinski's lawsuit, which may cost him thousands of dollars. Gus and Lupinski and I have talked together that we might combine ourselves, and get some good polite man to look after all our seven buildings, and avoid such lawsuits."

He looked interrogatively at Komorus, who nodded.

"It is a chance, you see, Peter Komorus, to get rich," Rueber went on thoughtfully. "At first this man would have seven buildings, then he could get more. Soon he will have an office, with a girl to write letters, and he will have men to send out after the rents; I think whoever is related to that rich man will find it comfortable to live."

He touched Komorus on the knee.

"I see already, Peter, what you are going to say. You are going to say this ought to be a young man but also a steady one. He must not stand on the corner at night to see the girls go past, and when

he begins to make money he must not spend it in the saloon with young fellows. That is true. And for that reason he ought to be married. Now what I want to ask you—I have been thinking of Paul Jaffe. If I thought he would soon be married, I would offer this position to him to-morrow. But perhaps he has no thoughts of marrying. Do you know if Paul Jaffe is likely to get married?"

Komorus opened his mouth as if to speak, but closed it again, seeming greatly perplexed.

"I see by your face he has no such thoughts."

Komorus fixed on Rueber his twinkling eyes, and combed his beard rapidly.

"If I told you who he wants to marry, you would not like it," he said blinking.

Rueber's face slightly whitened.

"I do not see how it can affect me, Peter Komorus. I have no concern with marrying. I do not love anyone with that kind of love which will make me marry. Perhaps I spoke to you in such a way to-day of Louise, but I was not thinking."

The door opened, and Mrs. Komorus came in with a shawl upon her head, shuffling.

"You go away to talk," she said to her husband accusingly. "But it is right a man's wife should know of what he is talking."

"We are talking of Louise," said Komorus shortly; and he sat for a moment reflectively blinking before he continued, "She is going to be married."

The woman, with a smile of sycophancy, turned toward Rueber. But Rueber was not looking at her. Such love for Louise filled him that he had room for no other feeling, but now it was not a kind of love that cried for possession. In all the world nothing mattered but that Louise should be happy.

"To Paul Jaffe," added Komorus.

The woman turned on him fiercely.

"To Paul Jaffe," she repeated bitterly. "You are a fool!"

"Be still, woman!" shouted Komorus. "You know nothing about it. Paul is going to be rich. Already he has seven flat-buildings. He will have an office, with a girl to write letters. Our Louise will sit in the house all day and read from a book."

Rueber felt no contempt for Komorus and his wife as he watched them leaving, for he understood how hard it was to bring up children, and that people who do so ought to have some sort of reward for it.

He looked at the clock, and began to turn out the lights.

Across the street Madame Jaenal, who was at her window, working by lamplight, turned to look in his direction.

"How her face shines," Rueber thought. "She is a good and beautiful woman."

Not having lost his love for Louise, but having himself crushed down and killed in it all that had been selfish, his heart was at peace. He was not thinking particularly of Madame Jaenal, but again his eyes turned in her direction.

"How her face shines," he repeated, as he pulled down the curtains.

The Emerald of the Arsenal

BY EDWARD BOLTWOOD

AFTER dinner Grannis unwisely proprosed that we go to a theater.

"What?" said Lloyd, in disgust. "What use to us fellows on a real night like this is a faked-up play? Listen to what happened to me in Bucharest merely because a duchess mislaid her olive-colored sealing-wax — and then talk of a make-believe play, if you can!"

Grannis and Lloyd and I had foregathered in New York after many years. It was the Spanish war which first cast us far asunder—Lloyd to the Philippines to write of things, and Grannis to Mad-

rid, and myself, no matter where. We had neither met one another nor seen Broadway since the hot summer of '98, and we felt as honest young men should in such circumstances. So Lloyd told the sealing-wax story, which is a good one, but which is his and not mine, and then, as he lit a fresh cigaret, said:

"Next, we shall go to the Arsenal and drink the ale of Father Nelligan."

"Bless the place!" exclaimed Grannis, rising eagerly. "How often have I thought of it! Is Nora there, I wonder, and is she married yet to big Mac, the bar-tender? And where is the poor, love-sick, starving Viscount, in his ragged coat? And can we have our old table with the shaky leg?"

It was not in my heart to undeceive them. That afternoon I had passed the down-town corner, where once stood the ancient chop-house known as the Arsenal. A tall building had replaced it; and Trimble & Gans now sold corsets where Father Nelligan, and Nora, his pretty daughter, and big McCarty, his assistant, used to serve competent food and drink to occasionally incompetent financiers. There was a sweet tradition that a former patron of literary habits, one Poe, first bestowed upon the Arsenal its name; but no genius had been needed to devise one, for the three musty rooms bristled with grim trophies of mediæval arms and armor-poniard, broadsword, and pole-ax, helmet and cuirass.

"Seems natural," sighed Grannis, as our taxi rolled into Washington Square.

"All but the cab," I said.

Therefore we signaled a halt, and matched coins, and stuck Lloyd for the fare, as was our custom, and marched on afoot.

But Lloyd was left behind for a moment, and suddenly we heard him yell; and we saw him dive into the cavernous shadow of the marble arch, whence he speedily emerged, dragging a small, handsome, dapper man in a silk hat and other splendid raiment.

"The Viscount!" cried Lloyd rapturously.

And it was true.

"Ten thousand thunders!" exclaimed the Viscount. "My friends, my friends!"

He capered among us so that his tiny, enameled shoes twinkled briskly.

"To embrace you I enjoy like a deuce!" he shouted. "My apartments are at hand. Follow!"

And he led us, with delicious pride, across the avenue.

His name, absurdly enough for one of his race, was Dorlan; and he received his title of nobility one evening at our suggestion, by means of the knightly ceremonial of a tap from Nora Nelligan's fan on his then shabby back. His profession in those days was held vaguely to be journalism, and of it he spoke little, an appropriate return for the little it evidently yielded him in the way of livelihood. Indeed, his vocation seemed to be to sip light wine-and-water in the Arsenal, and to worship Miss Nelligan, who laughed at him not unkindly, but with that kindness which makes a girl's laughter a sting to a man in love.

The Viscount skipped before us up the stairs of a fine apartment-house and ushered us magnificently into a well-appointed flat; there he established us at a table with liqueurs and brutally expensive cigars, and his smile was something to see.

"Tell us!" we implored, in a breath.

"Of what, my braves?"

"Of all this," said Grannis, sweeping his hand about.

"Ha!" chuckled the Viscount. "You attend then, how that the world so changes with me? Behold! I shall narrate."

And he did so, while we smoked.

"When Fate is cruel," began the Viscount, "it was never my habit to strive and fret against her. No, no! I used to snap my fingers at her frown, with a gay song on my lips, and that was the way I had of bringing a smile to the face of Fortune, my children! But there came a time when your Viscount's fingers could not snap, nor his lips sing, and that was when Fortune denied him the favor of the daughter of Mr. Nelligan.

"You saw me then, how I was prostrate, sad, without life. But after you depart—ah, I am twice desolate! I weep. And one night in the Arsenal, Mr. Mc-

Carty, who works there, he observes a tear on my cheek as I am lonely at your table. How he laughs! I think he burst himself.

"'Sacred Moses!' he says to a companion. 'Here we have a weep-baby because Nora chooses me, a better man!'

"Thus says McCarty. Then I rise up, and I try with dignity to inform him of that which he is. But he laughs more, and he lays his thumb on my shoulder, and—pouf!—I descend with quickness into my chair, and I am silent, for his strength is of the ox. I regard with longing a battle-hatchet fastened on the wall, and I think that if I had her loose in my hand, Mr. Mac would become of not much assistance ever again in the service of Father Nelligan.

"'Weep-baby!' declaims McCarty. 'I shall ask you to the wedding, if you are good!'

"And he passes out merrily.

"Then I looked around, and there—name of name!— there at a side stood Miss Nora! Her beauty, as you know, is of a young *vivandière* of the Guard, in a painting by Vernet. Always, as you know, her dark eyes gleam, and always she holds up the adorable chin of her, in a warrior's manner, thus. At that instant, my friends, her scorn burned me like a flame.

"'If I were a man, Viscount,' she said, 'and if Mac treated me like that, there would have been a doing.'

"That speech, gentlemen, was bitterness enough, but something more bitter was to come, for it never rains, as you say, except it pours out. For after she had spoken, her eyes grew tender, and her dear face softened, and in a forlorn moment I knew that she might by chance love me, if she had not been shamed by seeing me act the weakling.

"Ah, my Grannis, that was the blow of blows! Desperate that black night, I find myself presently alone by a window of the Arsenal, viewing the street and wondering how far to the river and oblivion. And then approaches Father Nelligan to me. A wide heart has Father Nelligan, and he observes me, how I am in despair, but he does not understand. Being Irish, he thinks that my despair must be of a dry throat and an empty stomach, and the comfort he offers is to arrange those.

"'Listen, Mr. Dorlan,' said Father Nelligan to me. 'You need money. I will give to you the job. Make for me a list of the hardware which decorates this joint,' he said. 'A list of the old knives, and stickers, and can-openers, and mediæval ball-bats, and chest-protectors.'

"You know his talk, Lloyd of my soul. He wished me to make at a price a catalogue of the armory of the Arsenal."

Lloyd rapped his knuckles emphatically on the Viscount's mahogany and looked across it at Grannis and me.

"Didn't I always want to do that myself?" he demanded.

We nodded, for in the days when we frequented the Arsenal, we had often debated the possible history of the old weapons which lined the rooms. It was pleasant to sip a pewter of ale and dream legends about a dented breastplate or a saw-tooth dagger on the wall near by. Lloyd's favorite was a certain broken truncheon; and after his third mug of ale, he would maintain that the truncheon was the one carried by Charles the Bold at the battle of Granson, out of which the hero of Burgundy lost there the Florentine diamond.

But that evening in the Viscount's apartment, Lloyd's mind, to do him credit, dwelt on more vital things.

"Hang the rusty Arsenal truck!" he exclaimed to the Viscount. "What about the girl?"

Our host shrugged his shoulders theatrically.

"Let us proceed," he said. "Conceive me, then, at labor upon this catalogue. You shall remember that all of the weapons were spiked and embedded tight into the walls, and none can be moved. So I say I must make of them sketches, and trace what devices of heraldry I see, with the which I study in the library of Astor among large books. My faith! You would think I excavated a chronicle of the universe! By night you would regard me at a writing-table which Father Nelligan erects in a corner of the Arsenal behind a curtain. But what heart have I

to work? My heart is a stone, for Nora is going to marry a better man than I.

"And one night, at that miserable table, so weary am I, and desolate, that my head falls upon my elbows and I sleep there, forgotten behind the curtain. The lights are put out, the Arsenal is locked, Father Nelligan and his daughter go to their rest on the floor above. I wake, and stir, and puzzle where that I am. All is still.

"A street-lamp shines blue into the room, like a moonbeam. The armor on the wall is ghostly. The helmets have the grin of specters. The old Nuremburg clock strikes two—bong, bong! Hush! What is that? In the side-door turns a key, very soft. See now the little Viscount, how he hides, the crafty one! For who is this, that turns his key, and enters, and crosses the room with muffled foot-fall to where Father Nelligan's safe-box stands behind the bar? It is McCarty, the chosen of Nora, the better man than I!

" 'Good morning, Mr. McCarty!' I say in a voice, believe me, of silk.

"He draws a breath, with a shrill noise, dog-like, and slowly he faces me, crouching; but when he knows who it is there, he stands erect, and I see his teeth.

" 'If you give alarm, I'll strangle your chicken's throat,' hissed McCarty.

" 'Thief!' I said.

" 'Maybe,' said McCarty. 'But that is a name I'll fasten to you, instead. I am going by, I'll say, and hear from the street a filing of the safe, and come quietly, and find you, and you fight me. And I killed you, I'll say.'

"Alas, comrades, my courage shook! The dread of losing my honor staggered me like a quick and mighty poison. I reeled against the wall with my hands behind me, and McCarty, reading my terror, was fired to a madness.

" 'By the Lord, a good plan!' he snarled. 'I always hated you. Now I'll put you out of my road to the girl, once for all.'

"And with those words he advanced.

"It is very fine, my youthful Grannis, to talk of bravery, or even of the police, when a gigantic ruffian is marching on you with a crimson glare in his brute eyes, and with his paws of a gorilla clutching for your neck. What to do? The water of ice ran in my veins and my sense revolved.

"Then my fingers touched something on the wall behind me. It was the hilt of a dagger, wired fast into the plastering. A leather hilt.

"Instantly, as if I had touched a spring within him, McCarty drew back. He glared at me.

" 'What's that you hide in your hand?' he whispered, and his shrill tone again was of a dog in fright.

"The hilt, as I live, seemed to thrill against my flesh like a battery electric. As I live, my children, I felt the tingle warm down the spine of me. I held high my head. I laughed. Within my clasp, the touch of the dagger-hilt was as the tender caress of a faithful loved one after absence. How shall I say it? My heart told me that the weapon was mine. I tightened my fingers, and the wires parted, and the leathern hilt dropped free into my palm as if I had spoken to it.

"McCarty was watching my face, and now his tongue moistened his thick lips.

" 'What have you behind your back?' he says.

"I do not show him.

" 'Ha, great imbecile!' I said, laughing. 'Do you fear me, great imbecile? You do well. Talked you of killing? To your prayers, then, *monsieur!*'

"Brave words, as you will agree! But now is a strange matter that I shall tell you. I had the feeling that the dagger-hilt spoke those words, and not that it was myself who spoke them. I had the feeling that a thing of life was behind my back, which bestowed upon me the mastery, although unseen, bestowed craven fear upon the abominable McCarty. So we stood for a space of time. And Father Nelligan came down the stair, in his flowing robe of night and bearing a candle.

" 'What's this?' he roars.

" 'Take away the accursed Frenchman's gun!' McCarty said. 'He has a gun. I caught him cracking at the safe.'

"I looked at McCarty, and I laughed again, and again the dagger-hilt seemed

to speak through the mouth of little Viscount.

" 'You lie, McCarty,' I said, 'like the mongrel cur that you are. You lie, you thief, and you know you lie, and you dare not say it to me otherwise.'

"His pig-eyes went to the floor.

" 'Look at me, if you can, and declare you are not a liar and a thief,' I said.

"He could not, and Father Nelligan profaned loudly.

" 'Well, I'm damned!' said he. 'Give up your pistol, my bold soldier-boy!'

" 'He has no pistol, father,' spoke the gentle voice of Nora from the door-way. 'Only the handle of an old, broken thing that would not have hurt a baby.'

"In a soft gown of gray, never had she been so beautiful. She took the hilt from me—a hilt without a blade, a harmless fragment. Father Nelligan turned to a purple color and reached a fist terribly at McCarty.

" 'Crooked one!' shouted Nelligan. 'You were beaten by a junk—by a bluff—by nothing!'

" 'No—by courage,' breathed Nora, and her eyes embraced me, and—ah, my friends!"

Here the Viscount sprang up and filled our liqueur glasses with his excellent cognac.

"Drink!" he commanded.

"To Nora?" said I.

"To Father Nelligan?" said Lloyd.

"To you?" said Grannis.

"No!" cried the Viscount. "Drink repose to the soul of my ancestor, Andrè d'Orlanne, murdered at his castle of Orlanne in the year of grace 1381!"

Well, I do not think a glass was raised. All we could do was to stare at him.

The Viscount paused to gloat radiantly over our bewilderment, and then he danced to a cabinet, and took from it a small bag of green velvet which he laid on the table between us. Lloyd opened the bag and drew out the steel hilt of an ancient dagger. The grip formerly had been covered with leather, as was shown by a newly cut edge of it around the guard. On the hilt one could barely make out a rude coat of arms and the letters, "And. Orln."

Grannis looked up. "Could you find this crest in the books, Viscount?" he questioned.

"Yes, it is our crest—our crest, the Orlanne crest," replied the Viscount. "This I copy from a volume."

And he laid on the table a slip of manuscript.

"Andrè d'Orlanne, last of the name," read Grannis aloud. "Probably killed at the castle in 1381. According to family legend, the possessor of the celebrated lost Orlanne emerald, which he carried in the hilt of his dirk, and—"

With the hysterical giggle of a schoolgirl, Lloyd pounced on the dagger-hilt. It was apparent that a knob of steel once formed the head of it, but now only a quarter of the knob was left.

Lloyd brandished the hilt savagely at the Viscount.

"Oh, you come off!" he expostulated. "Don't you dare to have the nerve to claim that you sawed into this business and found anything! Don't you dare!"

The Viscount bowed stiffly.

"As you see the hilt of Andrè d'Orlanne to-night, my children," he said, "so was it when it fell by miracle into my hand from the wall of the Arsenal to give me strength of soul. The emerald, if ever one was there, has long since been rifled. But a dearer jewel I discover—"

"Hark!"

We were breathless.

The outer door of the apartment slammed; a woman's dress rustled in the passage; and the *portières* of the room in which we sat were parted by a pretty hand.

"Andrew Dorlan!" called Nora gayly. "If you think that I allow my husband—oh, I beg your pardon!"

"The emerald herself!" said Grannis.

So we flooded them with congratulations; and Nora beamed; and the Viscount sparkled; and they invited us to supper at Father Nelligan's new Arsenal up-town, where the Viscount was manager and where they were making so much money they could afford to charge a dollar-and-a-half a portion for Astrakhan *caviare;* and all was well.



"I must have shown in my expression that I disliked his levity"

The Most Interesting Thing in the World

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DO you see that cloud? The white one with the pink tinge? It looks like a woman's face, doesn't it? It looks like the face of a woman I knew once."

The stenographer shot a glance at the great man, the philosopher honored by the whole world, the gentle iconoclast feared and abhorred by the orthodox.

She rose and went to the window, looked at the cloud, and said:

"She must have been a very pretty woman."

"She was pretty."

The philosopher thought he smothered the sigh and did not realize that the stenographer even knew that he had a sigh to smother.

Miss Greenleaf could rarely understand the ponderous phrases Mr. Adam Herbert dictated; but she always understood him. His heart was as simple as his brain was not. He was so unsophisticated in everyday matters, that she looked with suspicion on his reputation as one of the masters of the world's mind.

He was finishing now a volume rejoicing in the thrilling title, "Relativities of Feeling." He frankly recognized it was an immortal work, but Miss Greenleaf often found it hard to keep her face straight as he dictated his profound theories on "Love and the Affections," a subject in which she felt him to be as illiterate as a grown man could well be.

No man is a hero to his stenographer, and in this field Mr. Herbert was to Miss Greenleaf what she was to him in the periodic law of chemistry or the ionic theory of matter. Miss Greenleaf was not always sure of her spelling; she was wobbly in syntax and unprincipled in punctuation, but she knew more about love in one moonlit minute than Adam Herbert, A.M., Ph.D., F.B.S.E., F.C.

P.S., F.E.S., F.G.S., F.L.S., F.R.A.S., F.R.G.S., F.R.S., F.R.S.E., F.Z.S., K.C.B., and eighteen LL.D's from as many universities — had acquired in a lifetime of book-burrowing.

Why, take for instance her current flirtation with the young clubman, who had winked at her irresistibly a week ago, laughed at her cutting rebuke and then walked alongside till she was almost home, and met her every evening after that.

But the great philosopher was saying: "Where did we leave off, please?"

He always said "we," as if she were collaborating with him. If she only dared give him a few pointers of actuality from her experience! She found her notes and read haltingly, and as if in a foreign language whose sound, but not whose meaning, she knew:

> Here we have to inquire how, when vivid forms of feelings have been experienced, it happens that faint forms of feelings like them afterwards arise. We have to inquire what determines their revivability — what conditions they are which—

The philosopher listened and did not hear. He bulged his lips in perplexity and said:

"I seem to have lost the connection. Will you go back a few paragraphs, please."

She turned back the pages of her notebook and read with much mispronunciation:

> Feelings admit of a double classification. On grounds of structure they are divisible into the centrally initiated and the peripherally initiated; which last are divisible into those which are peripherally initiated by internal actions. And on grounds of function they are divisible by a line crossing these transversely, into those primary or vivid feelings produced by direct excitations, and those secondary or faint feelings produced by indirect—

Once more the breeze through the window seemed to have winnowed the chaff of his thoughts into a cloud. He broke in with his quaint old-bachelory chuckle:

"A funny thing happened to me last night at the club. You know my fondness for billiards? It's my one relaxation, and I fancy that I am rather good at it. It is a sort of science—a kind of applied trigonometry, for billiards, after all, is only the sport of triangulation—an application of the law of the angles of incidence and reflection—er—ahem!

"Well, when I went to the billiard room, I found there a young fellow, a stranger to me, but rather skillful as he knocked the balls about. I watched him a few minutes, and liked his clean technique so much that I ventured to say:

" 'If you don't mind, I'll take a cue and join you in a game.'

" 'Oh, I don't mind,' he said, evidently not realizing who I was.

"Well, he beat me—handily. I was rather nettled, for I usually win at the club—either because most of the men play very unphilosophic billiards, or because—as I sometimes suspect, they humor my vanity. At any rate, I found myself laying the young man a wager that he could not beat me a second time.

" 'Oh, I don't mind,' he said, and beat me outrageously.

"I fear that I was rather angered, for I challenged him again. This time he let himself out and did some really remarkable work. But I was in a poor mood for admiring his dexterity, and as I paid him my losses, I said, rather testily I am afraid,

" 'Young man,' I said, 'a certain proficiency in billiards argues a logical mind; but,' I said, 'a skill like yours proves nothing but a misspent youth.'

"Instead of resenting this reproof, he laughed outright. I saw that he recognized who I was, though he plainly had little admiration for my philosophic system. He said:

" 'They tell me, Mr. Herbert, that you are a great philosopher. Maybe you are. All I know is, that I tried to read one of your works once—'

"He said that he had been spending a week-end at a friend's house. One night he couldn't sleep. He looked around for a book. The only things he found were a book of poetry and one of mine.

" 'I unanimously chose yours; you see, I was desperate,' he said, 'for something to while away my insomnia. Your book—I've forgotten the name,' he said, 'it com-

menced with something about the Whichness of the What. I got half way into the first chapter, and—the next thing I knew it was morning,' he said."

The old man looked at the stenographer with such horror that he did not detect the effort she was making to hide a smile of sympathy for the young man.

He went on:

"I must have shown in my expression how I disliked his levity, but he had the impertinence to go further.

" 'They tell me, Mr. Herbert,' he said, 'that you are a bachelor. You never cared for women,' they say. 'Now, I think a bachelor is nothing but a male old maid,' he said. 'You accuse me,' he said, 'of a misspent youth. Well, there are two of us. Only you've misspent your middle age, too. When you leave here,' he said, 'you'll go home and sit by yourself and think yourself into a state of coma, which you will call metaphysics, or something in four syllables,' he said. 'I'm going to meet a deuced pretty girl who'll be waiting for me in the moonlight.' "

The stenographer was blushing as she broke in:

"Did Mr. Blakely really say that?"

"He did, indeed," and Mr. Herbert was too absent-minded to wonder why she should care, or how she guessed the fellow's name. He only said, "He was a very impudent young cub. Let me see—where did we leave off?"

She read, in an almost angry voice:

> And those secondary or faint feelings produced by indirect—

"Oh, yes—thank you."

> Faint feelings produced by—produced by indirect excitations—indirect excitations—excitations—

His mind seemed to be far from philosophy. He wandered again to the window and said:

"Oh, now—the cloud has changed. The pink is gone and the features are those of an old crone. And it was so pretty!"

He dropped into a chair and twiddled his thumbs, staring vacantly into space, a quaint smile dreaming on his features.

Miss Greenleaf watched him for a long while, and a certain tenderness for him came over her. She felt bold enough to ask:

"Mr. Blakeley—the young man, sir—he could not have been right, could he?"

"What do you mean?"

"Did you ever have a love-affair, sir?"

He looked at her in mild surprise, and began to laugh, the molluscan laugh of an ancient celibate.

He rose and stood again at the window, looking out where spring mused in the fields and the breeze roved like a peripatetic philosopher humming a tune. He began to talk without turning toward her. He was used to forgetting her existence and dictating his thoughts as they fell.

And now he was only remembering aloud:

"When I was a young man, I never expected to be a scientist. I was educated to be a civil engineer. My first position was as assistant to a rather incompetent old fogy. He had a daughter—the one who looked like a cloud. She was pretty, and not very timid, and she—I rather believe she started the flirtation. My office was in her father's house. He was away a large part of the time. She used to bring my mail to me, and then linger around. She showed the greatest interest in my work, and—and—she had a marvelous complexion; the pigmentation was miraculous, and her hair—its texture was astonishing—while her lips—her lips—well, in those days we did not know that kissing was unsanitary.

"Before I knew it, I was extremely fond of her, and, being an honest man, I told her so. She said she was flattered and—and that she felt the same way toward me. She accepted my caresses, my avowals—and returned them. I believed in heaven, then—for I was in it.

"One day a man's card was brought to her while she was leaning over my desk. She turned red and mumbled. The door opened, a man dashed in, caught her in his arms—and I thought he'd eat her alive. He turned out to be her *fiancé*—she had been engaged all the time. I'll never forget seeing her hang on his arm and lead him away, not forgetting to turn her big, lustrous eyes on me to see how I liked the ordeal."

"She was a horrid flirt," snapped the stenographer.

"She was nothing of the sort," answered the philosopher as a person talking in a partial sleep answers a question—a question, as much his own as his listener's.

"We mustn't say anything against her. She was what she was, because—well, because we all are what we are. Human character is only the algebraic total of inheritances and environic influences, which—"

"Shall I take that down, sir?" said Miss Greenleaf, reaching for her book.

"Of course not; that's only conversation."

"What did she look like, sir?"

"Why, she—she looked like—like—I can hardly say."

"What was her type?"

"She was—oh, she was—it's strange how we forget faces, isn't it? I should know her and call her by name among a thousand, but I can't recall a single feature. I could not draw my own mother's face, to save my life, yet I'd know her among a million."



"Could any woman look on this face and love?"

"What color were her eyes—the young lady's, I mean?"

"Women always ask that question, and men never can answer; but her eyes were blue, I think—unless they were brown—or possibly black—something very pretty."

"Was she a blonde or a brunette, sir?"

"Yes, I think she was."

Then more silence, and then he sighed:

"I wish I had her picture. I never got one." He tightened his lips with regret,

and added, "I wonder what she looks like now."

"I'm afraid you'd never know her after all these years."

"I rather think that I should. I'm sure I should know her anywhere. There was something in her expression that was attuned to mine like that acoustic phenomenon, the kinship of sympathetic vibrations."

There he was, drifting off into polysyllables again. Miss Greenleaf brought him back.

"Do you still remember her name?"

"Could I ever forget it?"

"She has changed it, perhaps, since."

"Yes, I know. She married that man who kissed her in my presence. His name was—let me see—yes, it was Bower—or Tower—no, Gower—Joseph E. Gower. That's it. He had no forehead, but plenty of jaw—he was of the prognathous type. I think I could chart his facial angle, at least."

His forehead tangled with that frown of detestation which he had himself explained in one of his books as a survival of primeval days when savage fighters knitted their brows to shade their eyes from the sun. But he could not enjoy his unusual anger; his heart and the weather were both too gentle. The leaven of spring was in all clay. The curtains at the window swayed and curved in the just breathing breeze like the lace on the bosom of a slumbering woman. The air was aromatic with soothing influences. There was in it that personal appeal, that human persuasion which Spring exerts with the intimate magic that made the Greeks put a nymph or a faun or a god in everything, tree, stream, rock, cloud.

It was impossible even for the pudgy bachelor not to want to sing some Evocation. The wind on his forehead was like "the tender inward" of a woman's palm. The woods in the distance held out an invitation, a summons to a rendezvous. He leaned against a window and gripped the casing with all his might, every nerve in him shivering with a sighing music as if he were an Æolian harp.

He looked at Miss Greenleaf. In his bewitched eyes she wore a magic charm. He had thought her plain, even homely, but there was in her look, in her poise, in the cluster of humble flowers at her bosom, a new grace that was almost beauty.

"Love is a strange function," he said. "It is the most interesting thing in the world, isn't it?"

Miss Greenleaf could only nod and smile like a sibyl. He smiled, too, and said:

"It's no wonder that a cheap novel with such a subject as love should outsell any—any other philosophies a hundredfold. I wonder what I should make out of such a theme."

He chuckled in self-derision, then suddenly paused, remembering that Miss Greenleaf had asked him to excuse her early to-day. He remembered that she had blushed when she asked him. It suddenly occurred to him that she probably was dallying with a romance. It seemed good, proper, logical. Anything was good except that she should die an old maid. On a day like this, to a mood like his, celibacy was a crime, spinsterhood a scientific blunder. He must do his share toward the preservation of the race-making instinct, at least by proxy. He spoke abruptly.

"You asked me to excuse you early to-day, Miss Greenleaf. I am out of key for philosophy; don't let me keep you."

"Oh, thank you, sir! Is there nothing I can do before I go?"

"No, thank you—yes. You may take one letter—no, I'll write it myself."

He watched her straighten her little belongings with slim fingers and deft motions. She bowed and hurried away. He went to the window and followed her with his eyes till the trees took her—like a glade receiving its nymph. He glanced up at the clouds. They were forming new faces, strange shapes. They had other business than his.

He went to his table and wrote in a cramped, labored hand that revealed none of his learning, none of his logic, this letter:

My Dear Mrs. Gower:

I had almost begun "Dear Lucinda," because you used to be Lucinda to me and you used to be dear. I have thought often of you, and your memory has intruded incessantly upon my

cosmic meditations. Pondering over the universe, I have seen your beautiful face rise up between like a nebula. At times when I thought that I was wrestling with the problems of interplanetary gravitation, I have found that I was really thinking of you and of our early relationship. I do not dare to remind you of its intimacy, for it might offend you or your husband.

To-day, however, I have been overwhelmed by an impulse to write to you. It seems a pity that two souls, once so congenial, should lose each other altogether, through neglect. So I throw out this letter like a tentacle or a groping antenna, or the vibratory wave of a wireless telegram to see if it will find you, and stir any answering vibration.

I do not know if your husband is still alive, or even if you yourself are yet on earth. I myself have never married, but have given my life to philosophy. You may have seen my name in print, at times, though I am afraid that the subjects have been too ponderous to attract the interest of the eyes that once used to glance over my shoulder at my designs.

I am so used to believing that little real change is accomplished in the world or the race, except in periods of a thousand years or so, that I may underestimate the influences that have affected you since we saw each other last. Your mind may have so altered that you will regard this letter as an impertinence; but I cannot believe that the years have wrought much alteration in your beauty. If you are offended by my presumption, please consider this letter unwritten. If you can forgive it, wont you send me a photograph of yourself as a proof of your generosity I assure you that it would be highly valued, and I beg you to believe me, my dear Mrs. Gower,

Ever your obedient servant,

ADAM HERBERT.

He did not dare to read it over, lest he should fear to send it. He folded it with nervous hands, shoved it into an envelope, addressed it, seized his hat and hurried to the nearest post-box.

As the letter slipped from his fingers irrevocably, he felt as if he had sown a seed of romance upon a fertile soil. He sighed with deep rapture.

An impulse of this sort was so rare to him that it was like a draught of forbidden liquor to a long-reformed drunkard.

As suddenly as the impulse had come, it went. He turned cold at the ridiculous boyishness of his act. It had a taint of second childhood. He turned and clutched at the post-box. The letter was not to be recalled. He walked away, humbled, shamed.

For days he was distraught with alternation of emotion. He now shivered with the thought of receiving a coldly contemptuous reproof. Now he dreamed a letter from some friend saying that she was dead long years since. He saw himself receiving a photograph of a beautiful woman, slightly matured but the more beautiful for that; and he seemed to read the letter in which she announced herself a widow, a long and silent admirer of his work and—there would be a hint of invitation, and he would fly to her, marry her and—

This hasheesh vision brought its reaction. The face he shaved looked out at him, still shivering and blue from his tub, and he said:

"Could any woman look on this face and love?"

Miss Greenleaf noted that he was fretted about something, though he had not told her of the letter. His dictation was halting, laborious, involved, contradictory. Like a he-Penelope he kept unraveling what he had woven. She knew that what he was dictating could not be final, for she understood it.

The subject of his present chapter, "The Revivability of Feelings," seemed to be especially trying to him, probably because it seemed especially clear to her when he dictated sentences like these:

> The glow of a gorgeous sunset continues to be recallable long after faintly colored scenes of the same date have been forgotten. The sound of a trumpet may be more quickly imagined than that of a bassoon. It is easier to remember the taste of something that is intensely sour or sweet or bitter than the taste of something that is almost insipid. And a very severe pain leaves a trace in the memory which lasts long after the traces left by slight aches and discomforts have disappeared.
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> That, at times, when strong emotion has excited the circulation to an exceptional degree, the clustered sensations yielded by surrounding ob-



" Isn't she a frump" ?

jects are revivable with great clearness, often throughout life, is a fact noticed by writers of fiction as a trait of human nature. As with these quicker variations of vascular activity, so with the slower variations. The receptivity of impressions is high during these portions of life in which the blood is propelled in full and rapid currents. Feelings, perpheral or central, experienced in youth, are long remembered; and while the vigor of manhood continues, the sensations and emotions leave lasting traces.

Miss Greenleaf could not know that his thoughts were simple, because they were direct, personal, real.

Two weeks, a month went by before he settled down to the furrow of deep-plowing psychology. He had at length given up hope, and decided that Mrs. Gower had received his letter and did not care to answer it, or—was dead. He trusted that the letter would not fall into other hands. It would be a cherished prize for an autograph collector. It might reappear, long after he was buried, and gain a place in some unauthorized and inaccurate memoir of him as a proof of his senility. His belief in immortality had worn away under the attrition of scientific example and analogy, so he should not even have the power to haunt the wretch who might biograph his frailties.

Then, after a time, even this pre-mortem suffering lost its edge, and his daily work got him back into the machine-like progress of his great System.

One morning the dictation was going murkily, somewhat as follows:

> While it is true—no—the truth is—no please say, The fact that—comma —er—feelings of any order—um, tend to—to exclude ideas of the same kind

—I mean, order—more than they do ideas of other orders—comma—is natural — is inevitable — is to be expected, if particular — er — particular bundles of nerve-fibers and groups of nerve—vesicles—

"Excuse me, do you spell it—them—with a k?"

"No, no! v-e-s-i-c-l-e-s—groups of nerve—

Vesicles are the agents of particular orders of feelings; comma, no, semicolon — because — since — inasmuch as—no just "for"—for—comma — manifestly — comma — when the structures concerned are undergoing those molecular changes which have vivid feelings for their correlations, comma, other molecular changes, comma, which have faint feelings for their—correlatives, comma, must be greatly obscured, colon — no — full stop. Moreover, comma, we may see why this exclusion is more potent—more strong—more exclusive—no, I said that — more — er — stringent — that's it—more stringent among the unrelational orders of feelings than—

"Did someone knock?"

Miss Greenleaf was accumulating a headache trying to follow his super-sanskrit obscurity. She welcomed the interruption and went to the door.

It was the elder of the two old maids with whom the philosopher boarded.

"Mail," she said, with her usual look of severity at Miss Greenleaf, of whom she could never quite approve, in view of the hours she spent alone with Mr. Herbert. If she had only known what a chaperon is metaphysics!

The philosopher, vexed at the interruption, motioned her to put down the mail and take up her notebook. But the concatenation was broken, and he could not link up his thoughts again. He found himself idly glancing at the letters, the scientific journals in various languages, and the heavy tomes from different professors. Among the bundles were a few photographs. One was a picture of himself with a request for his autograph. One was a photographic series of the microscopic sections of a parasite; one was the photograph of an eminent Bolivian geologist.

One was the photograph of a woman. She was unusually homely. The philosopher showed the picture to Miss Greenleaf with a grimace.

"It's a pity that learning and beauty so rarely go together. Now, there's George Eliot. I knew her. She looked like a horse. She and George Sand were probably the wisest of modern women—and certainly the ugliest; though this woman is perhaps still uglier. I wonder who she is? She must know a lot to have such a horrid nose."

Miss Greenleaf ventured a suggestion:

"She may be that Russian mathematician."

"Oh, yes, doubtless — no, here's a name. Mrs. J. L. Jenkins. I don't know such a person. I'm sure I don't want to. Isn't she a frump — worn — cynical? Great thinking ennobles a man's face usually, but a woman's — turn her face away—put it down."

The next day, at about the same hour, he was again interrupted with the mail. It was only one letter, in a strange hand. The philosopher tossed it to Miss Greenleaf.

"I've mislaid my glasses. Read it, please."

She began:

DEAR MR. HERBERT:
Your letter duly resieved.

"Spelt with an 's'—and an 'ie,'" interrupted Miss Greenleaf, superiorly.

It's a wonder I ever got it, for I'm not Mrs. Gower any more. And I aint been for—

"Give me the letter," said Mr. Herbert quickly, and he almost snatched it from her.

He searched impatiently till he found and put on his glasses with fingers that shook. Going to the window, where the spring breeze twitched the paper with teasing, amorous fingers, he read:

DEAR MR. HERBERT:
Your letter duly resieved. It's a wonder I ever got it for I'm not Mrs. Gower any more and aint been for close to eleven years. Joe Gower died after we were married some ten years leaving me with two children and no money to speak of. He wasn't much of a provider, shiftless you might say. So I had to marry Mr. Jenkins for all he was so much older than what I was but being so awful fond of me

and went on so I just had to. But he also passed on, lingering in the vale of tears only a matter of two years or thereabouts. Yes, I have seen your name now and then in the papers but knowing you used to be an engineer, I never thought that you was the same Adam Herbert I used to spoon with in the days of long ago. I asked the libarian of the town libary and he seemed quite familiar with your name and he showed me one of your books, but I must confess I was soon floundering beyond my depth. My, but you must be awful knowing to know all you know. I should be glad to meet you again though it's only right to say that I am partially bespoke to a certain party that keeps the largest spice and tea shop in this part of town. Still I wont say as I have entirely made up my mind and hoping to see you again and renew old langsine,

Yours as ever
MRS. J. E. JENKINS.

P. S.—I sent you my latest photographt yesterday.

While he read the letter to the dregs, Miss Greenleaf watched him out of the corner of her eye. Though he stood in a flood of rosy noon, a solemn twilight seemed to gather him in.

After a time, he passed a weary hand across a weary brow, turned and very quietly spoke his old formula:

"Where did we leave off, please?"

Miss Greenleaf read with an intonation that betrayed a complete lack of understanding, and he listened with deaf attention that did not recognize his own phrases:

> In its simple form, the adjustment of certain inner relations to certain outer relations is one indivisible action; but in its complex form such adjustment consists of several stages admitting of greater or less dissociation from one another—capable of becoming fragments of correspondences. Thus, among others, results the order of psychic actions known as Memory.

"Memory," he echoed, "oh, yes—the order of psychic action, known as Memory."



"Memory—oh, yes—the order of psychic action known as memory"



Photograph by Hall, New York

Arthur Byron as *John Le Baron, Jr.*, Frederick Burton as *George McElroy* and George Howell as *Richard Hillary* in "The Ringmaster"

SOME DRAMAS OF THE DAY

by Louis V. De Foe

THAT figment of managerial imagination, the "tired business man," who so long has served as the convenient scapegoat of all plays which make no draft upon the mental processes of theatrical audiences—will soon have to avoid the stage if he would escape the specter of his daily office toil. The beginning of the dramatic season clearly sets forth this fact. The "business play"—it might be better to increase its latitude and call it the "practical play"—threatens to have an unimpeded fling. Wall Street's crop of commercial intrigue is deemed ripe for the playwrights' harvest and dramatized stock-tickers, climacteric trade mergers and tragic combinations of the money powers are ready to be threshed for the theatrical granaries. "Bulls" and "bears" have been driven into the theatrical shambles and are waiting to be slaughtered alike to garnish the table for the Thespian feast.

There need be no regret that the theatre is thus being turned to serve a practical corrective purpose by shedding light upon the intrigues of the business world. The stage is within its legitimate province when it seeks to detect and expose corruption—social, commercial and political—provided also that, in the process, it faithfully analyzes human nature in its unceasing conflicts. And there need be no surprise, under the present conditions, that the dramatic year should have set out with one of these plays of the money

marts. Such is "The Ringmaster," and in it you find the fates of men and women trembling upon prosaic transactions behind the roll-top desk. The peculiarity of this latest example of the business play is that it is the work of a woman, Miss Olive Porter, and the oddity of this woman's foray into the field of dramatic writing is that she acquired whatever equipment she brings to her new vocation "on the inside" of Wall street.

The moral of "The Ringmaster" is indisputably right. Its criticism of the fierce game of finance is probably true. To those who are not especially concerned with the finer points of dramatic literature the play will have a strong interest, notwithstanding that the conclusion which must be drawn from it is that, however prolific Wall Street may be in supplying dramatic plots, it is not an advantageous preparatory school for the art of dramatic construction. Sardou once said that there were ideas for a score of good dramas in every issue of a daily newspaper. Probably each business day in Wall Street yields a like number of fruitful plots, and one of these Miss Porter has surely grasped. Although this idea is not strictly new, she has decorated it with interesting side-lights, such as a sudden awakening in her hero of long dormant hereditary instincts, a use of wireless telegraphy as a factor in deciding the fortunes of warring commercial magnates, and a vividly drawn contrast between the ethics of the old and the new methods of business. She has also supplied the necessary ingredient of a reasonable knowledge of human nature.

The hero is *John Le Baron, Jr.,* the indolent, dilletante son of a once notorious hyena of Wall Street. The time comes when he is turned from his luxurious hobbies of yachts, of villas in France, and of art collections by the wish of *Eleanor Hillary,* his sweetheart, that he play his destined part in the truly big affairs of life. Her father is his parent's successor as the tyrant of "the Street," and the daughter's appeal comes at a time when old *Hillary* is plotting a merger of Western smelters which will result in crushing an independent plant, the owners of which have refused to obey the dictates of the combination.

The rapacity of the trust and the havoc it will bring to the small investors in the assailed company appeal strongly to *Le Baron's* sense of justice. It transforms him at once into a clear sighted, aggressive man of affairs. Urged by *Eleanor Hillary,* who does not comprehend the consequences of his action, he rushes to the independent company's aid, despite the fact that his course is contrary to the interest of the capitalist into whose family he aspires to marry. He is a heavy stockholder in the Colorado Central Railroad which the Trust must control in order to cripple its adversary. The struggle which is the backbone of the play therefore resolves itself into a conspiracy of the ring, dominated by *Hillary,* to obtain a majority of the railroad shares. *Le Baron,* bent upon preserving the integrity of the railroad, pours his fortune into its securities, buying recklessly on margins until all his possessions will be menaced by a turn in the tide of the Stock Exchange.

Here is a simon-pure business drama, with the fates of the hero and the woman who is his inspiration trembling in the balance, with high-minded business integrity challenging the duplicity of financial marplots. The conditions are clearly set forth in an interesting, well-written first act. When the curtain rises again it is to reveal *Le Baron's* yacht tossing upon the ocean off Newport. The scene is picturesque but, unfortunately, the thread of the story snaps for a time, since the only contribution of the entire act to the argument of the play is to apprise *Le Baron* that a conspiracy against his railroad holdings has been organized in his absence. This information is ingeniously communicated by a prank of a pair of young lovers, who have amused themselves by intercepting vagrant messages by means of the yacht's wireless apparatus. However, one cannot applaud the attempt of the author at this point to introduce an element of humor—which really is not humor—by the use of overdoses of seasick comic relief.

But back in *Le Baron's* Wall Street office the excitement is renewed again in the third act as the young capitalist's fortune is endangered and the stock-tickers begin to reveal to him the machinations



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Miss Laurette Taylor as *Eleanor Hillary* and Arthur Byron as *John Le Baron, Jr.*, in "The Ringmaster"

of his enemies. It is an excellent representation of the bustle and excitement of a grueling business day. Shares rise and fall with nice conformity to the needs of the plot; telephone bells jingle, doors slam and messengers dart to and fro. *Le Baron's* shares, bought on margins, have been hammered to bed-rock on the Exchange, and now all that stands between him and absolute ruin is a final block of the stock which he is moving heaven and earth to acquire from *Kingsley McElroy*, an aged financier, whose questionable dealings have been brought to *Le Baron's* knowledge by a *deus ex machina* in the person of a newspaper reporter.

Old *McElroy* yields just as *Hillary*, the arch conspirator, arrives from Europe to take personal command of the situation. When he storms into *Le Baron's* office, the latter is at the telephone negotiating with *McElroy* for the immediate transfer of the stock. An accomplice of *Hillary* orders him to drop the receiver and *Le Baron* obeys meekly, although he knows that obedience means his ruin. This is the incident I have already questioned. Does it, indeed, seem quite plausible? But a genuinely startling episode follows closely on its heels. Old *Hillary*, over the telephone, fiercely commands his stool pigeon to stop the transaction, raging at his disloyalty. There is no response. The sound of the tyrant's voice has so terrified *McElroy* that it hastens the physical collapse which has been long threatening him and he falls dead of heart-disease. The stock transaction, however, is beyond recall. The day and his fortune are saved for *Le Baron*.

In the final act old *Hillary*, shaken by the death of his business associate and knowing that *Le Baron* has escaped from his coils, is ready to cry quits. His conscience stings, for he realizes that he is responsible for *McElroy's* sudden end. Not until now is *Eleanor* aware that the battle of money interests, which she has instigated, has really been fought in her own home and with her family on the losing side, but at her father's counsel she forgives her lover. Thus a happy curtain falls upon the play.

The Shuberts have been successful in organizing an excellent company for the production. Mr. Arthur Byron acts the rôle of *Le Baron* with fine nervous vigor and eloquence and, except when he is impeded with ill-advised dialogue, with directness. Miss Laurette Taylor, as *Eleanor Hillary*, plays in a commendably restrained vein but with the necessary emotionalism, and her personality lends itself capitally to the needs of the part. Mr. George Howell draws a formidable picture of the business tyrant, and Mr. Frederick Burton, as *McElroy*, and Mr. Edward Emery, as *Ex-Senator Craven*, the two accomplices, are excellent. Two lighter parts are acceptably filled by Mr. William Rosell and Miss Oza Waldrop.

WHEN this dawning theatrical season was still so far in the future that it was not eligible even to swaddling clothes, I heard of an uproarously funny sketch going the devious rounds of the vaudeville circuits under the title of "Billy's Tombstones." I was often urged to go and see Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in the little piece and enjoy the tonic of a forty-five minutes' continuous laugh.

But I was reluctant. Not that I was not aware that real gems are often found in a setting of vaudeville rhinestones. I went to see Mr. John Drew in his polite but spineless farces as duty and habit dictated, but Mr. Sidney Drew I steadily eschewed. In the witty aphorism of the late Mr. Maurice Barrymore, the brother-in-law of these two actors, "John Drew but Sidney didn't." It has always been a bit disconcerting to me to see a clever dramatic playlet bounded on the east by somersault-turning dogs and on the west by a worn-out grand opera *prima donna* or a close-harmony quartet, and I reasoned that, if "Billy's Tombstones" was as clever as it was reputed to be, it would be written over into a full fledged play in good time and that then I would see it as a matter of course.

I was right. The sketch which Mrs. Drew wrote for her husband under the pen name of "George Cameron" proved too good to be lost to the regular stage and now, at the very outset of the season, it is arousing gales of laughter which are a pleasant, cooling relief on these sultry summer nights. The piece, its name shortened to "Billy," is too ludicrous in its idea to be soon pushed aside, and I pre-



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Miss Oza Waldrop as *Rebecca Love* and William Rosell as *Peter Stuyvesant Cobb* in "The Ringmaster"

dict that, for a season at least, it will continue to keep its clever star from the unstable waves of vaudeville.

Make no wry faces when I say that the foundation stones upon which the fun of "Billy" rests are four false teeth. The real ivories which they replaced were monuments to the glorious cause of football, which were overthrown from their resting places in *Billy Hargreave's* jaw when a rival player planted his foot upon Billy's face in a college game. The disfigurement sorely pricks the young athlete's pride and, attended by his sister as nurse and advisor, he sets out on a voyage to Havana while he is accustoming himself to his false teeth.

On the ship *Billy,* still the target of ill luck, finds *Beatrice Sloane,* his sweetheart, and *Sam Eustace,* his rival. *Beatrice* is accompanied by her mother, whose liking is all for *Sam.* When *Billy* decides

to meet the issue squarely and propose marriage, *Beatrice's* mother is only too willing to jump at a wrong conclusion when he vaguely hints at four possible objections to himself as a son-in-law, which he promises to live down.

Even this falsely construed admission might not have proved his undoing in his conquest of *Beatrice*, had it not happened that, in a collision with a hurrying steward, who slams a door in his face, his false teeth are jolted from their moorings and lost in the shuffle. Now the awful truth must become known, for *Billy's* sister has forgotten to bring his other set! Make love to *Beatrice* with an open-front jaw? Why, he can't even pronounce her name or speak any other word with an "s" sound in it.

All's fair in love and war, so *Sam Eustace* is quick to see his advantage, and he makes ardent love to *Beatrice* while the sun of his opportunity is shining. Meanwhile *Billy*, a mute spectator of his rival's progress, is moving heaven and earth—not to mention the sea on which he is afloat—to find the stray molars that are now in possession of a pair of sailors.

The hunt is fruitless. Vainly *Billy* searches the deck in the night for the teeth that will not return. An open window in the cabin attracts his attention. He peers into it. What meets his eye is an article that snaps the last cord of his self-control. On the sill, in a glass of water, is a full set of false teeth. His pilfering fingers seize them and he rushes off to his stateroom in exultation to adapt them to his own empty jaw. He does not know, alas, that the teeth he has stolen belong to his arch-enemy, *Beatrice's* mother—the one person in the world whom he is most anxious to propitiate.

He has made one last effort to declare his devotion to *Beatrice* in burning words which contain no tell-tale "s's" and has succeeded only in winding himself up in a new tangle, one even less possible of being unraveled than the others. But now he has the stolen set! With his weapons restored the world again lies before him to conquer.

Yet not in the manner you may possibly have guessed. While *Billy* is still tinkering with the stolen teeth, peals of laughter sound from the cabin. The passengers have got possession of *Billy's* lost set and are auctioneering them off for their own amusement and for the benefit of the Sailors' Relief Fund. It's great fun—for the passengers! The bidding is brisk. Up, like a rocket, soars the price. *Billy*, through his sister, recklessly meets every raise. "$1,000!" screams *Billy's* sister. "Going—going—gone!" pronounces the auctioneer. And in the flush of victory



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Caroline Harris as *Miss Sloane*, Jane Marbury as *Miss Hargreave* and Mrs. Stuart Robson as *Mrs. Sloane* in "Billy"



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Sidney Drew as *Billy* and Mrs. Stuart Robson as *Mrs. Sloane* in "Billy"

Billy slips his recovered grinders into place and, with a triumphant flourish, restores the stolen set to their owner. He is a hero now. Best of all, he is *Mrs. Sloane's* hero.

"Beatric-c-ce—" he hisses sibilantly, clasping the daughter to his breast.

Like all sketches expanded into three-act plays, "Billy" is attenuated and not without unmistakable evidences of padding. There is still opportunity for Mrs. Drew to improve the last act, but even as it stands it is a most diverting little piece with a laugh hidden in almost every line. It is, moreover, not in the least indelicate, notwithstanding its rather sensitive subject.

The performance, too, is all that could be desired. Acting runs in the blood, and it must not be forgotten that Mr. Drew belongs to one of the most famous theatrical families in America. The character



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The entire cast of the farce "Billy," written by Mrs. Sidney Drew for



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Miss Muriel Terry as *Marost* in "The Gay Hussars"

of *Billy Hargreave* gives him an opportunity to show how fine are his accomplishments as a light comedian and how easily, if he chose, he might crowd the reputation of his more precise and formal brother, Mr. John Drew. He does not have the field to himself, for Mrs. Stuart Robson is equally clever in her way in the character of *Mrs. Sloane.* Miss Jane Marbury, as *Billy's* sister, supplies a capital foil for the star, and Mr. Franklyn Jones does all that is necessary with the part of the rival lover. Miss Marion Chapman, as the heroine, has little to do, except to listen disturbedly to *Billy's* lisping, and there are other rôles, small but well played.

THE success last year of Mr. Eugene Walter's "The Easiest Way," the play dealing with that underworld which borders Broadway and has its outlet in the night restaurant life of New York's Tenderloin, was almost certain to breed an aftermath of dramas written around similar themes. This inducement to imitation was, in fact, the only real danger in Mr. Walter's work. "The Easiest Way" addressed a vital question of social morals and argued it with power. It was not a parade of vice for the sake of vice alone. It developed situations of deep significance and great intensity, growing directly out of the lives of its characters, and its intrinsic morality, whatever may have been the unpleasantness of its surface aspect, was scarcely open to unprejudiced argument.

I was not one of those, therefore, who



her husband and produced at Daly's Theatre with great success

joined in the hue and cry against the play which was raised in the offices of envious managers and prolonged in the pulpit. But I foresaw what was to be its influence upon writers of less experience and skill. And so it has proved. "The Narrow Path," a miserable parade of licentiousness to pander to a morbid curiosity in that kind of life, brought last season to an inglorious end. Now, as if to offer fresh insult to the stage, the present theatrical year has opened with "The Only Law," a play by Mr. Wilson Mizner and Mr. George Bronson-Howard, which is not a whit less reprehensible than its immediate predecessor. Thus are the bitter fruits of "The Easiest Way" falling while the drama that bred them still clings to the vine. Since the imitations have proved conclusively that the public is in no temper for plays intended only to rake over the surface of vice, it is to be hoped that the threatened wave will soon subside.

In its general plan "The Only Law" is a dim shadow of Mr. Walter's play. Some of its dialogue is expertly written, but more often it is dull in its reiteration of coarse and vulgar slang. It points no moral which is not needless, obvious, and commonplace. It is an attempt to picture the experiences of a man abhorred beyond all other offenders against the social law—one who lives on the earnings of women as low as himself. This character, *Mac Avoy,* comes to grief according to the conventional processes of melodrama but his fate in no sense justifies the telling of the story. The ending, technically



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Miss Florence Reid as *Treszka* in "The Gay Hussars"



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Forrest Winant as *MacAvoy*, Mabel Cameron as *Jean*, and Mabel Frenyear as *Hortense* in "The Only Law," by Wilson Mizner and George Bronson Howard

speaking, is "happy." In other words, the female companion of the masculine bird of prey is saved from her evil life by a guileless broker whom she has previously systematically deceived for the benefit of her companion. "Happy!" A more bitterly unhappy state of affairs is not within the range of human imagination.

An inconsistency so remarkable that it is worth noting runs throughout the play. Printed in the program is a speech by one of the characters which is supposed to serve as a motto. "Being on the square with a pal is the only law we know," says *Jean*, a chorus-girl and one of the principal harpies. Yet, in arriving at the *dénouement*, there is not so much as one character who remains loyal to the others, unless it be the gullible broker who is the common victim of them all.

The unsavory crew whose lives are represented include a show-girl, her girl chum, their common male companion, a "wire tapper" resident in the hotel with them, and one or two lesser personages. *Jean*, the show-girl, is given a substantial sum by her infatuated broker to purchase a piano. She uses it to speculate successfully in Wall Street, turning over the money she wins to *Mac Avoy*, with whom she arranges to take a clandestine trip to the far West. He, secretly, plots to steal away to Europe with *Jean's* friend. The plan is discovered by *Spider*, "the wire-tapper," he having just relieved the broker's rural uncle of a sum of money. The result is that *Jean* and her guileless broker are again brought together.

Of all the characters, the wire-tapper is the only one drawn with reasonable semblance to life, and as it is acted by Mr. Ben Johnson, it almost lends an effect of actuality to some of the scenes in which he appears. Others concerned are Miss Mabel Cameron, Miss Mabel Frenyear, Mr. Forrest Winant, and Mr. George S. Christie.

If I have slurred the details of this play it is because muckraking is not the purpose of these articles. Consideration of it is offered in the interest of those who may chance to run across it in other cities later in the season.

UNLESS I am much mistaken, success will perch upon the glinting banners of "The Gay Hussars," but its victories on the hard fought field of mirth will be due to the heavy artillery of its musical score rather than to the pop-gun volleys of its adapted libretto. To this new musical comedy fell the distinction of inaugurating the new theatrical season in New York. Its production came rather precipitously, for its almost unheralded opening was a strategic move to outflank a threatened rival operetta founded on the same German original. This haste may account for the present defective make-up of its cast, which was not chosen in the careful manner characteristic of most of Mr. Henry W. Savage's companies. But when that crafty Yankee manager comes to realize the virility and freshness of the melodic scheme of the piece, I am confident that he will give it every chance to develop its real merits.

For a long time I had heard favorably of "The Gay Hussars" in Berlin, where it was known as "Ein Herbstmanoeuvre" ("Autumn Maneuvers"). The songs, I was told, were conspicuous for their Teutonic brawn, which alone would put the production in pleasant contrast to the flabby muscles of many of our recently imported British musical comedies. But of the libretto I have been somewhat dubious. Dealing, as it does, with playfully directed satire of the German compulsory military system, I have wondered if our audiences would be able to appreciate its humor. I recalled that "Zapfenstreich" ("Taps"), a fine German military drama, failed pitifully in this country a few years ago because its meaning wholly eluded us.

My doubts now seem to have been well founded. The libretto, which Mr. Maurice Brown Kirby has reconstructed from the original material by Mr. Karl Von Bakonyi and Mr. Robert Bodansky, is a sadly jumbled affair, with not even that slight coherency and cohesiveness expected of musical comedy, and little or none of that sparkle of dialogue essential to roughly drawn heroics or comic characters. Dependent on its book alone "The Gay Hussars" would probably fail in short order. But, happily, the new lyrics by Mr. Grant Stewart have a graceful swing, and they are fitted admirably to fine, virile, ringing melodies by



Miss Marion Lorne and Miss Nellie Toland in "The Florist's Shop"

Mr. Emerich Kalman, which are punctuated at intervals by part-songs and concerted numbers that fairly lift audiences out of their chairs.

Then again, there is in the company that rare bird in musical comedy as we know it—a new personality. She is Miss Muriel Terry, a roly-poly little Berliner who is not at all pretty in the rouge-and-powder sense of the word, but she bristles with magnetism and possesses a personality which completely dominates the scenes in which she appears. She impersonates a swaggering young volunteer cadet whose name is *Marosi*, a terror to the men in the ranks and a regular devil-of-a-fellow with the girls. She dances well, and when she liberates her voice in such songs as "The Gay Hussars," "Please Give Me A Kiss," and "Sex Delicious," you forget in a twinkling the heaviness of the story.

Another capable member of the cast is Miss Florence Reid, who sings well and acts prettily, dodging in and out among the love tangles which strew her path during the three acts. Her delicacy offsets some of the vaudeville buffoonery of Mr. Bobbie North, who was picked from the variety branch long before he was ripe enough for his present work. He impersonates a barber who has been pressed into the service as a sub-lieutenant, and, moreover, he impersonates it badly, although credit is due him for one of the best songs, a ditty called "My Friend Lebel."

The military atmosphere of the piece furnishes plenty of opportunities for effective staging by Mr. George Marion, who carries the love-making and military evolutions of the Hussars through three charming pictures outside the walls, in the ball-room, and in the garden of *Risa's* castle. *Risa*, by the way, is the heroine, and she is acted rather tragically by Miss Anna Bussert.

The music of "The Gay Hussars" may be heard many times with pleasure. It is of a quality not often encountered in musical comedy and it ought to help this melodic immigrant to a successful career.



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Marion Lorne as *Angelica Perkins*, Louise Drew as *Irene Baxter*, Lionel Walsh as *Clarence Perkins* and Richard Stirling as *Richard Baxter* in "The Florist's Shop"



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The Girls of "The Gay Hussars." Top row, Marie Givens, Ida Harris, Margaret Marrowski; lower row, May Coombs, Dorothy Clifford, Helen Marks

MUCH less is to be said in favor of "The Florist's Shop," another importation by Mr. Henry W. Savage, whose good fortune with "The Merry Widow" two seasons ago has naturally inclined him toward plays which bear the "made in Germany" brand. This production with a fragrant title is struggling through its first weeks without receiving much encouragement even from the most indulgent audiences, so I see little prospect of its long survival, once the new season settles down in earnest.

It is a farce of a very obvious sort, constructed from timeworn material, peopled with resurrected comic types, and hampered by labored dialogue that is seldom spontaneous or sparkling and that often is dull and heavy. Its few witty sallies, in contrast with its general plan, stand out like far separated oases in the garden of Allah.

As known in Berlin, where it is said to have enjoyed a career, its title was "Glück Bei Frauen" ("Luck With The Women"), and the bare mention of the names of its authors, Mr. Alexander Engel and Mr. Julius Horst, who also wrote "The Blue Mouse," betrays that Teutonic coarseness was probably one of the attributes of its original story. Mr. Oliver Herford, who made the English adaptation, has eliminated some of the suggestiveness, but he has left enough to win the piece no great respect, and by changing the locale to New York he has destroyed most of the remainder of its excuse for existence.

The story depends upon that ancient farcical expedient — two young wives whose husbands vainly try to live up to false reputations. *Angelica Perkins* glories in her *Clarence's* much-vaunted reckless past, whereas he has really been a most circumspect and harmless youth. *Irene Baxter*, on the other hand, is sublimely confident of her *Richard's* moral and discreet bachelor career, when, actually, he has sown and reaped a plentiful crop of wild oats.

The gradual awakening by the two wives to conditions quite opposite to their delusions is the net result of the complications. The truths begin to come to light in a Fifth Avenue florist shop of shady reputation, the proprietress of which converts clandestine orders for flowers into hosiery and lingerie which, of course, are more acceptable to the recipients than the more perishable mementoes of their friends. The final disclosures are brought about in the supposedly moral *Richard's* old bachelor flat, to which the wives obtain secret access and then invite their husbands to their unsuspected unmasking.

As these complications would hardly



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Miss Anna Bussert and Edwin Wilson in "The Gay Hussars"

suffice to carry the story through three acts, Mr. Herford has employed a hypocritical clergyman and a rural uncle, the originals of whom are at least a century old on the stage. Nothing could betray more conclusively the adaptor's lack of invention or his uncertainty as to what is really amusing in present-day farce.

With such scant material to work upon, it is not surprising that the company makes such indifferent headway. Mr. Lionel Walsh is by far its most creditable member, and he impersonates the pure-minded, much embarrassed youth who poses as a rake in the true farcical spirit of hopeless confusion. Mr. Richard Stirling, as the other husband, is not nearly so successful in his part, and Miss Louise Drew and Miss Marion Lorne, as the wives, especially Miss Drew, are rigid to a hopeless degree. Mr. John Thomas, as the gay clergyman, and Mr. Richard F. Freeman, as the frolicsome rural relative, not only play parts dragged in by the ears, but they themselves seem to have been dragged into the company by the ears. Such slight opportunities are afforded to the rest that they contribute little to the piece, except, perhaps, Miss Nina Morris who exhibits a well manicured Anna Held accent as the questionable florist shop proprietress.

TO put a last touch of summer on the amusement complexion of Broadway, there has just come out of the West a new musical comedy, "A Broken Idol," the title of which is concerned in part with a gilded image of Confucius, but principally with an equally gilded English nobleman whose quest after a rich American girl has happily led him past Fifth Avenue and landed him in the Chinatown of Los Angeles. I had difficulty in distinguishing even this much of the plot, for the story soon leaves its regular channel and winds itself around the spirited songs of Mr. Otis Harlan and enmeshes itself in the personal attractiveness of Miss Alice Yorke, two members of the company whom Mr. Hal Stephens, the librettist, Mr. Harry Williams, who wrote the lyrics, and Mr. Egbert Van Alstyne, the composer, seem most bent upon exploiting.

The opening scene is Chinese in atmosphere and adornment or, more properly, near-Chinese; but it lends itself to a pretty stage picture which, eventually, is followed by another showing the sumptuous estate, near Santa Monica, of Mr. Silas Pugsley, the retired merchant whose daughter is the object of the titled lordling's pursuit. As must happen in all musical pieces of this kind, the foreign adventurer is thwarted and the heroine becomes the prize of a stalwart young American who expresses all his sentiments in terms of the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Harlan plays the rôle of a charlatan, a part which has only the most remote connection with the plot, more volubly than melodious, but his energy is as inexhaustible as when he acted in the old Hoyt farces.



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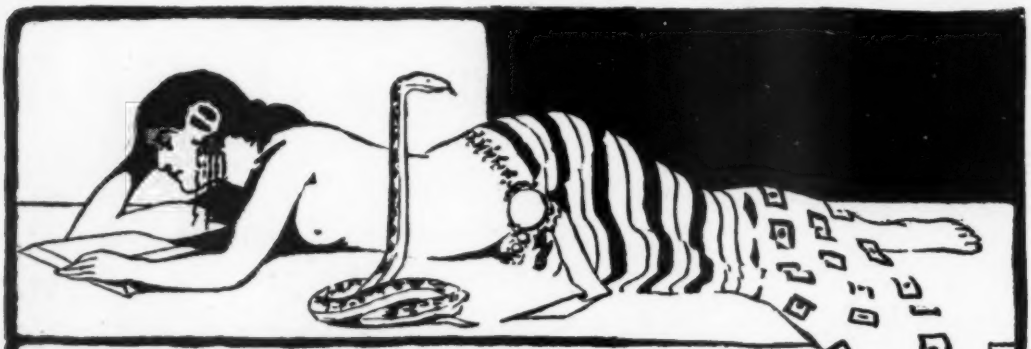
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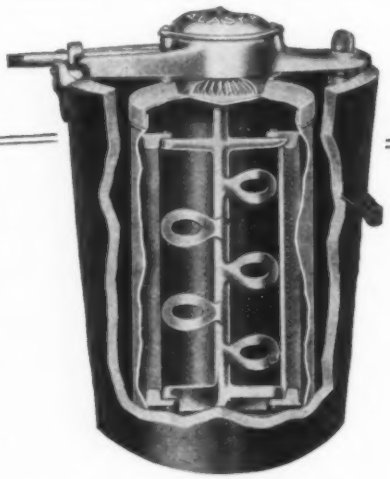


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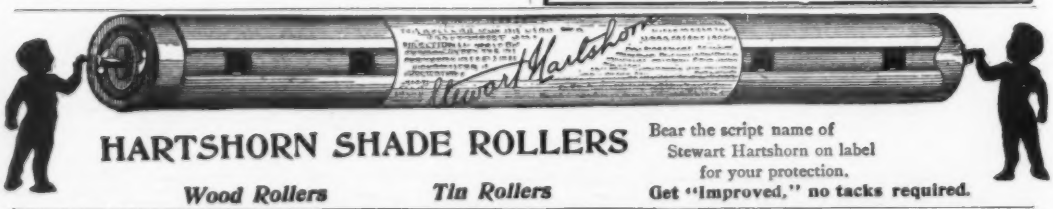
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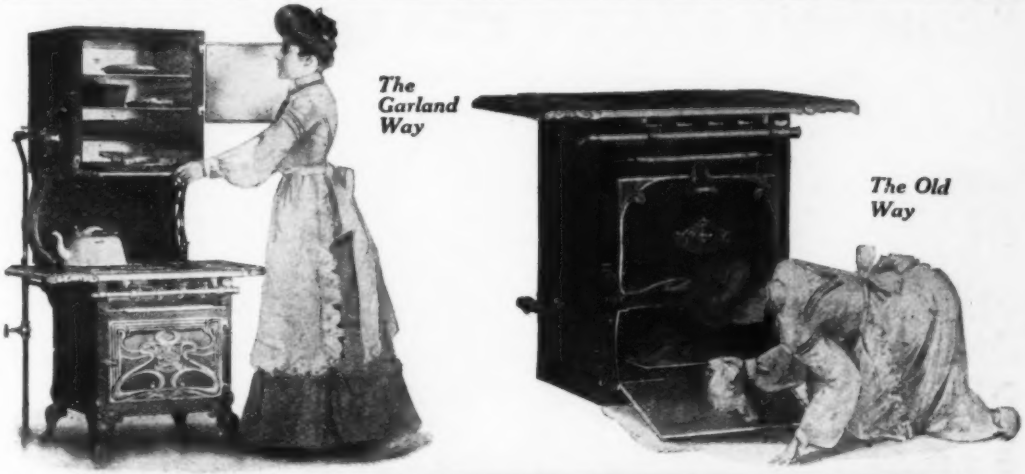
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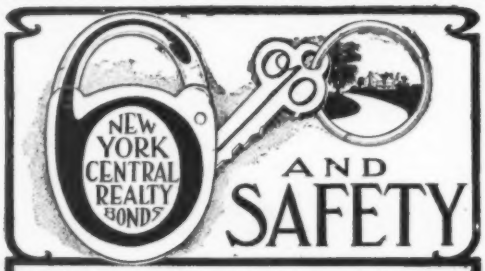


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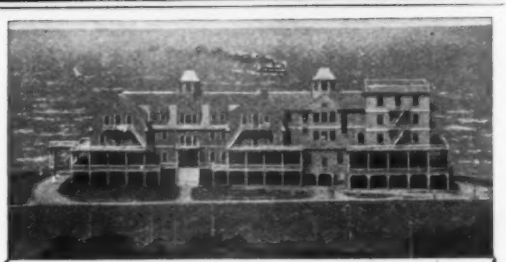
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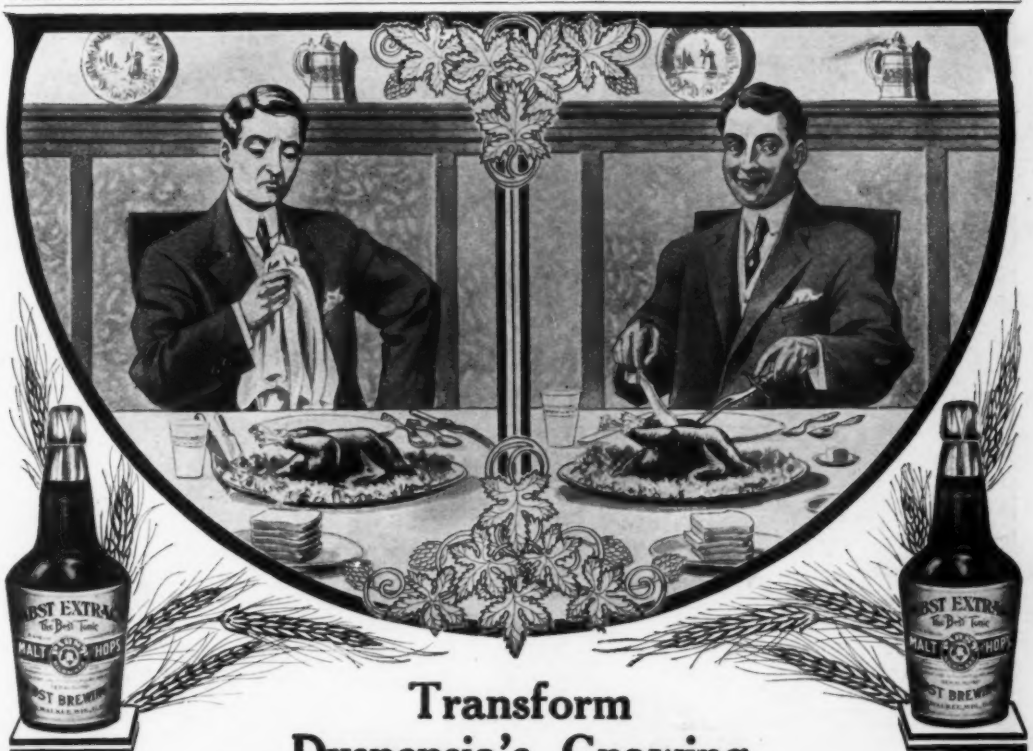
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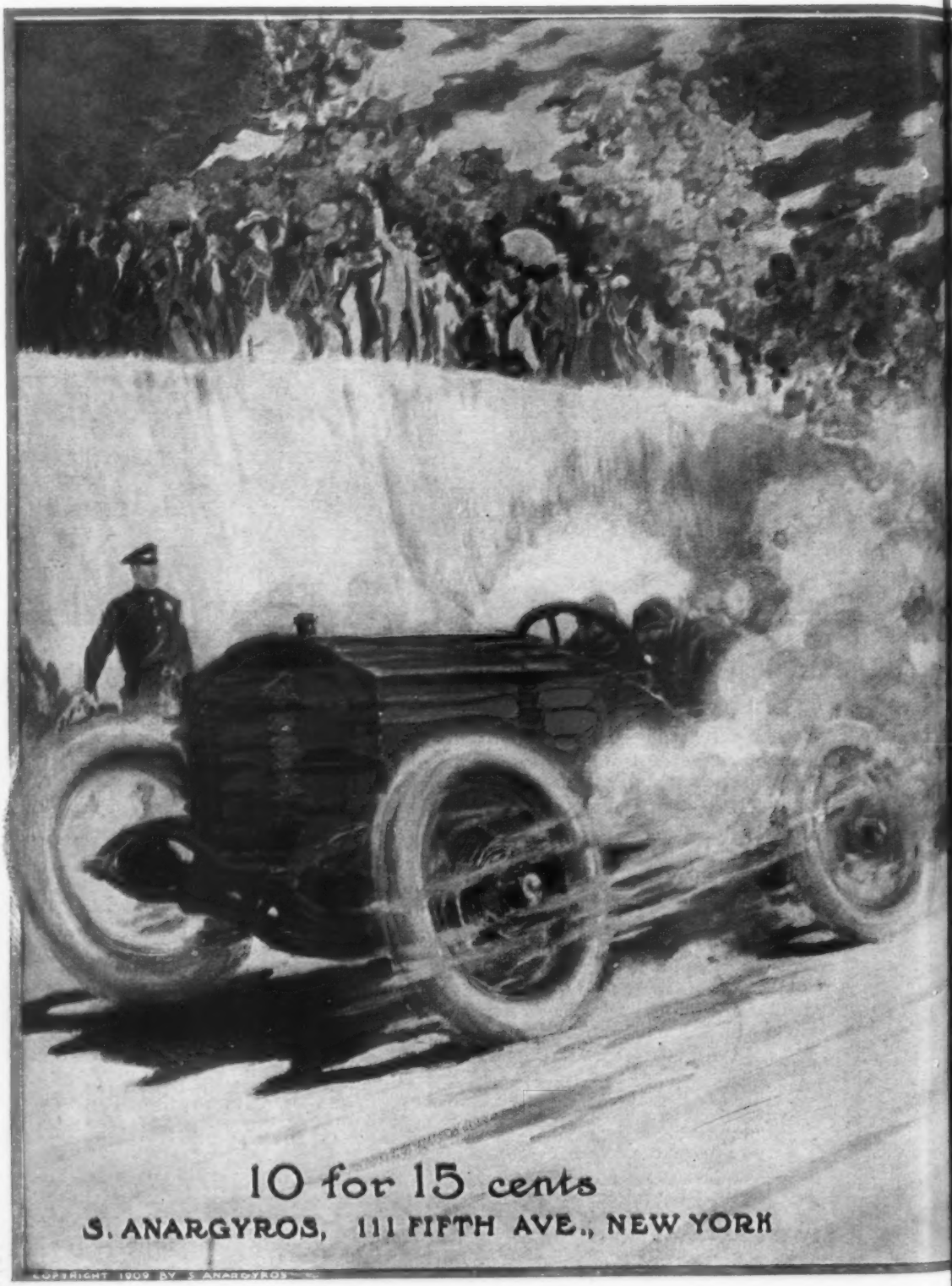
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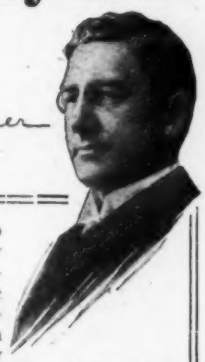
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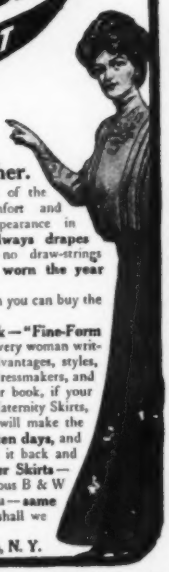
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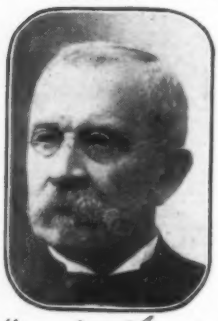
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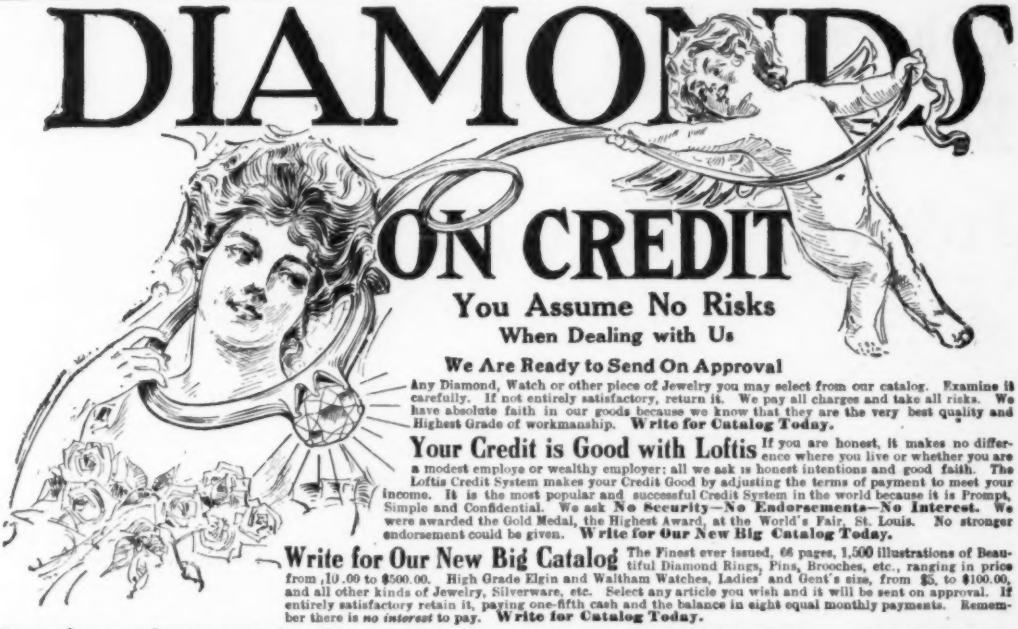
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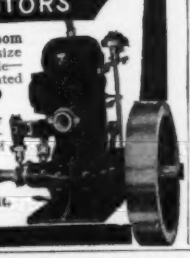
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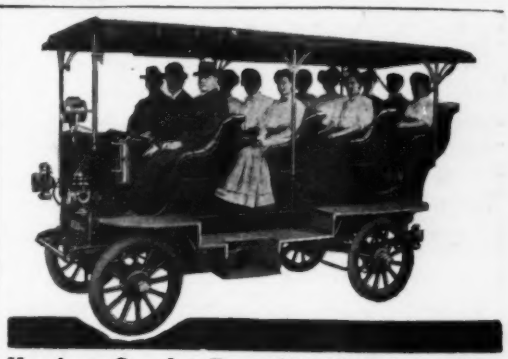


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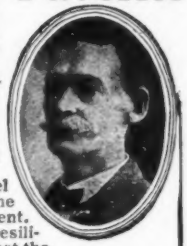
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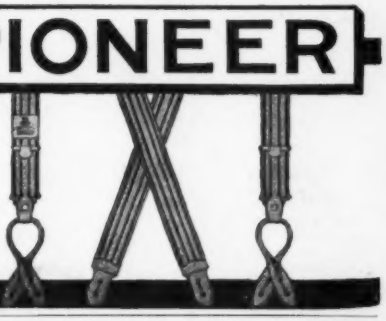
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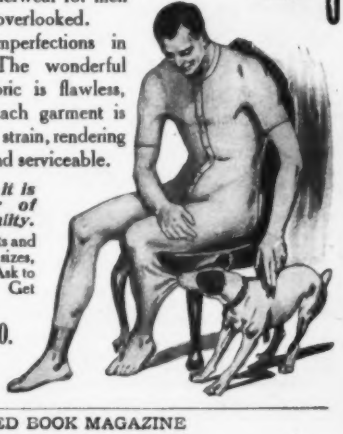
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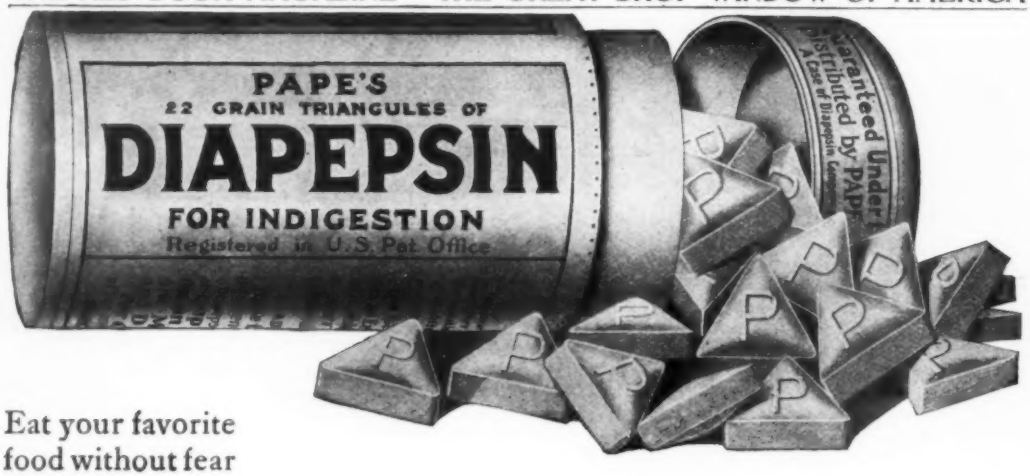


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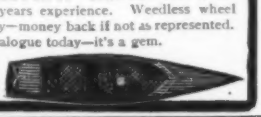


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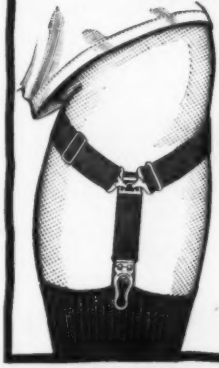
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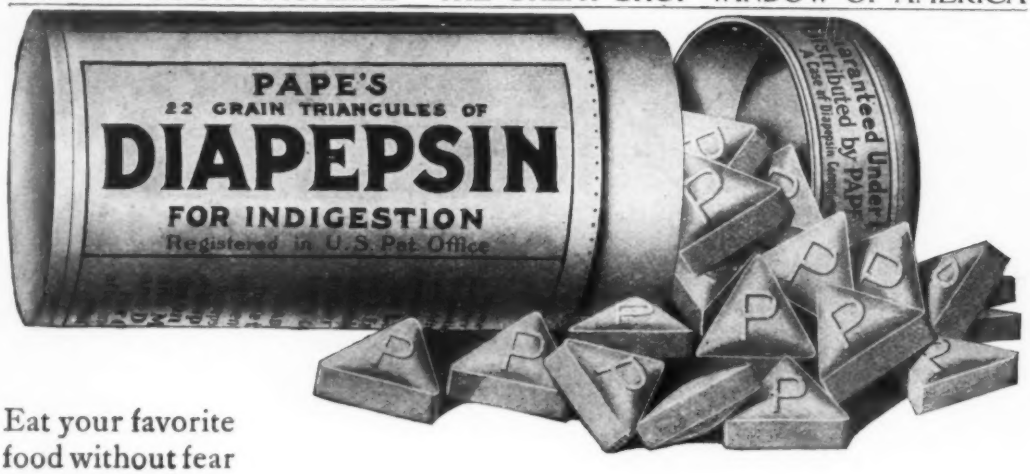
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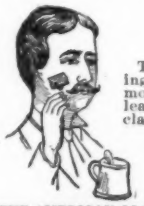
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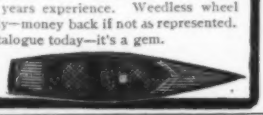
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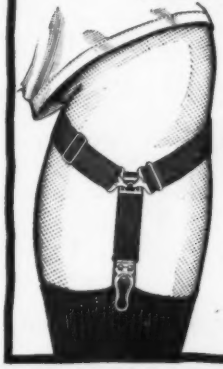
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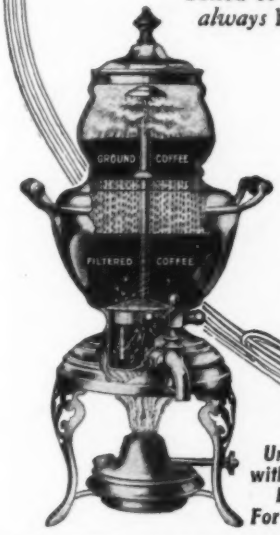
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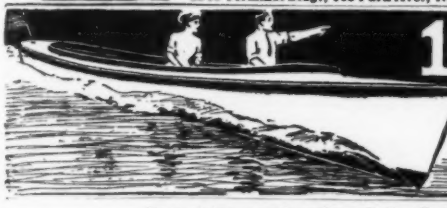


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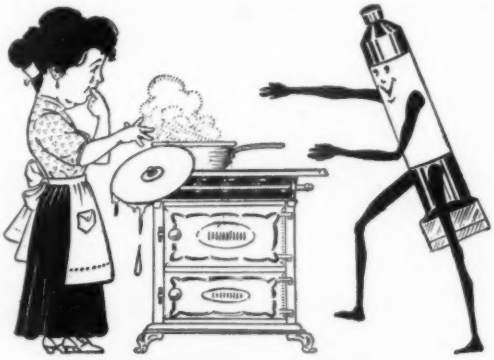
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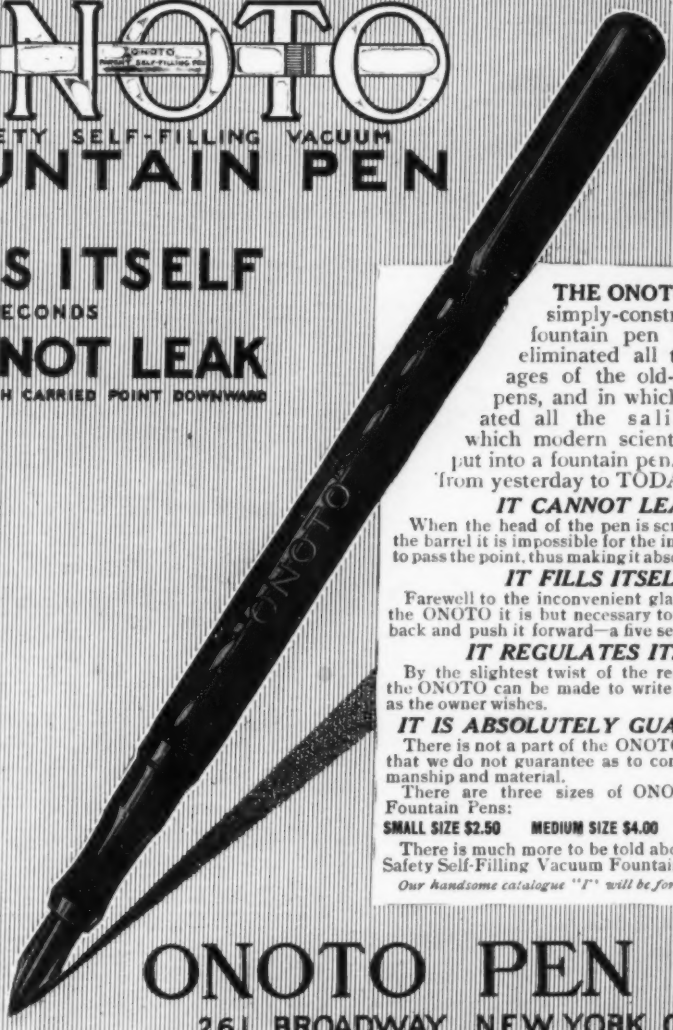
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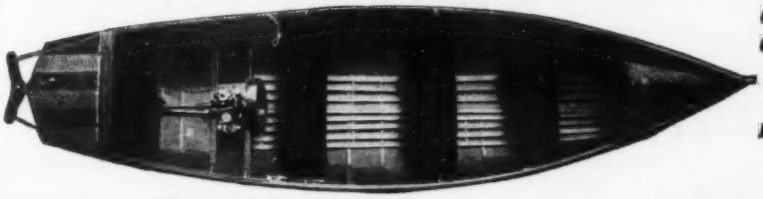
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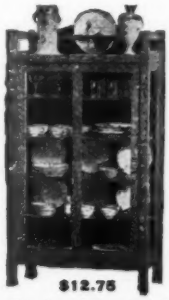
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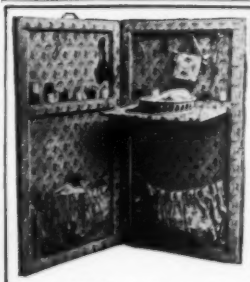
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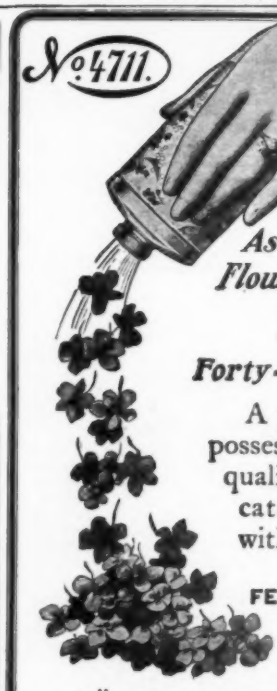
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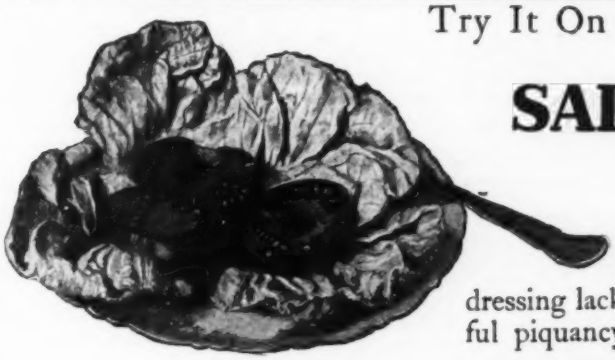
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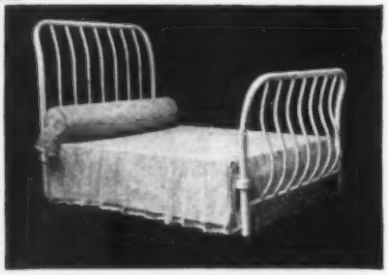
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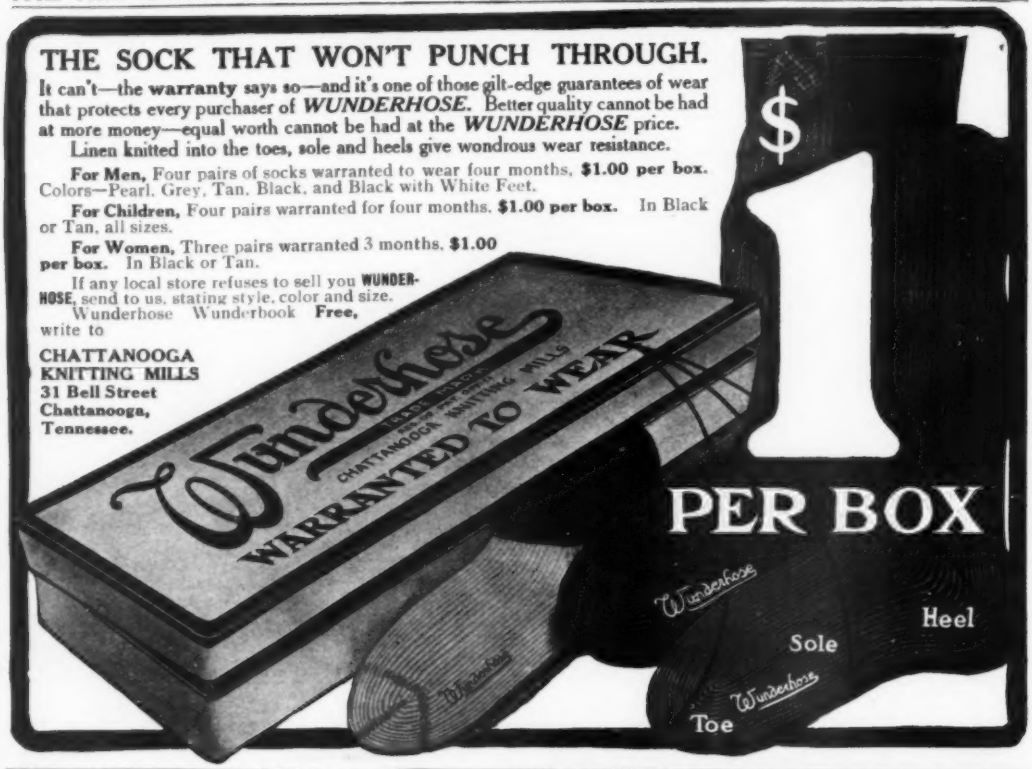
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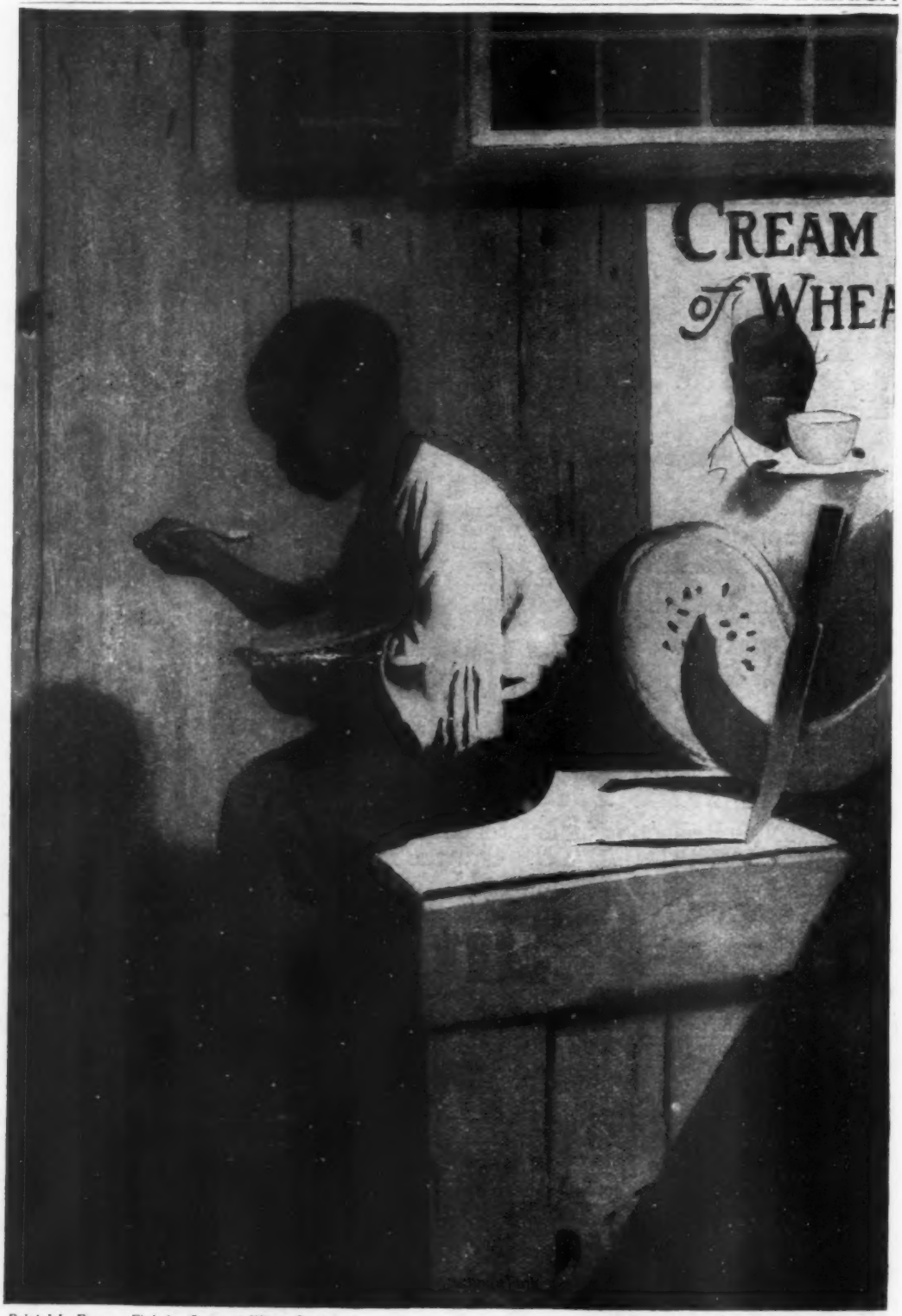


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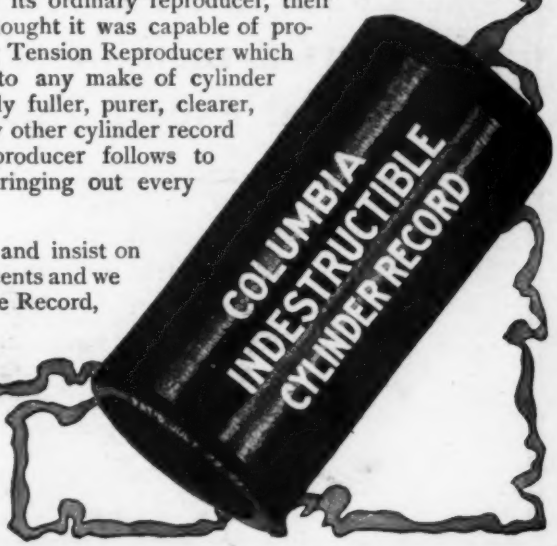
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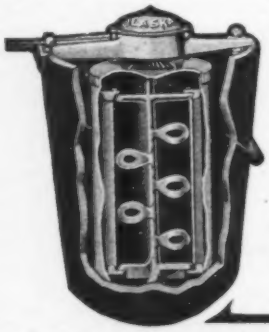
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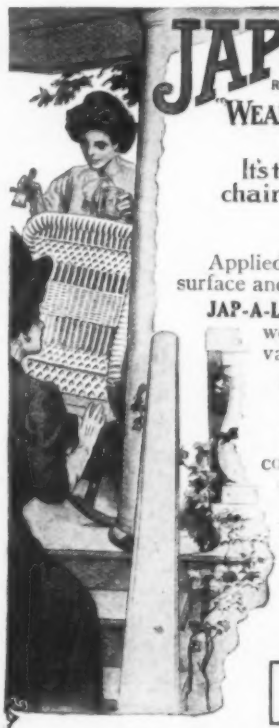
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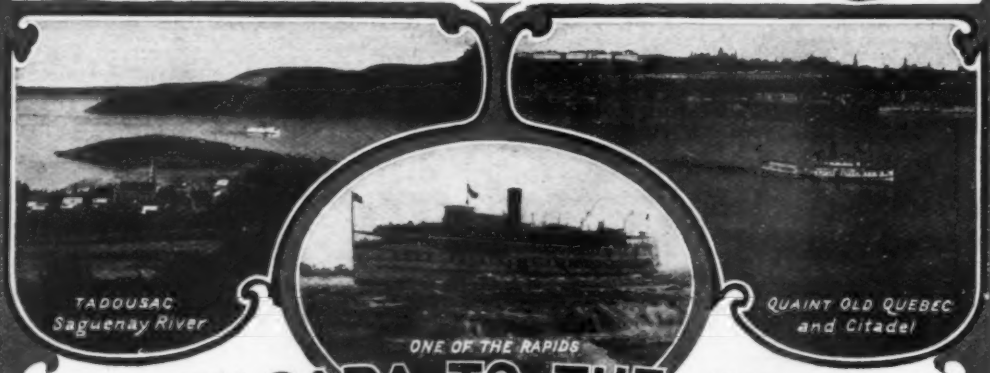
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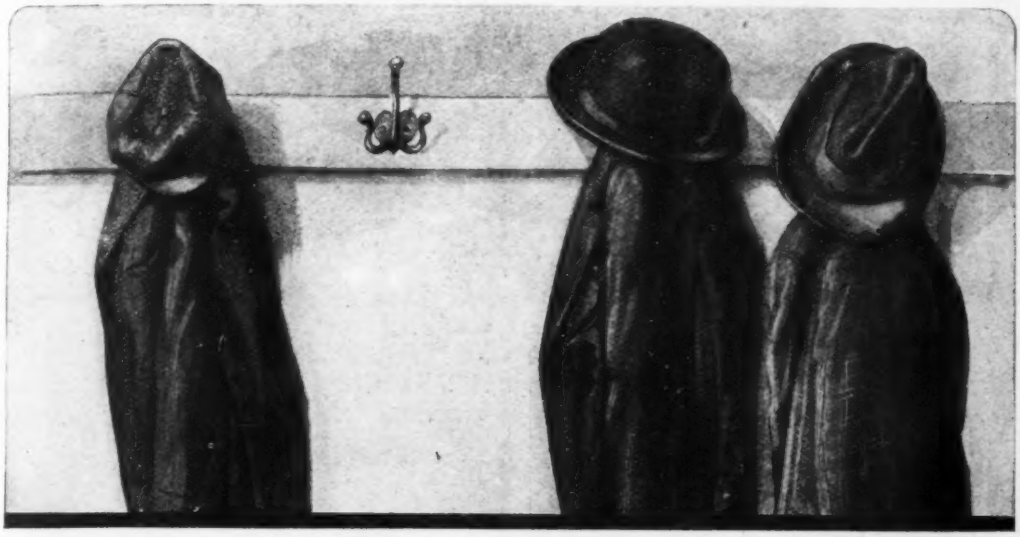
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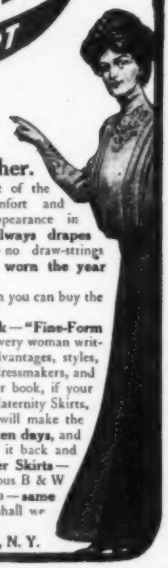


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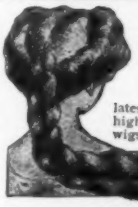
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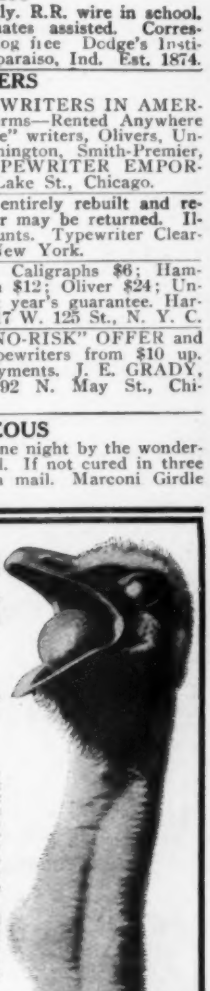
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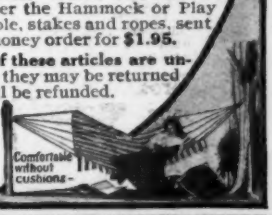
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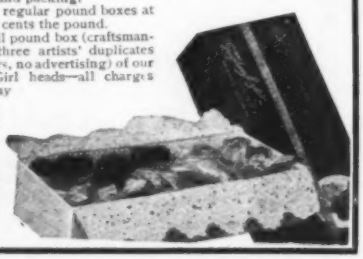
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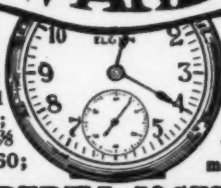
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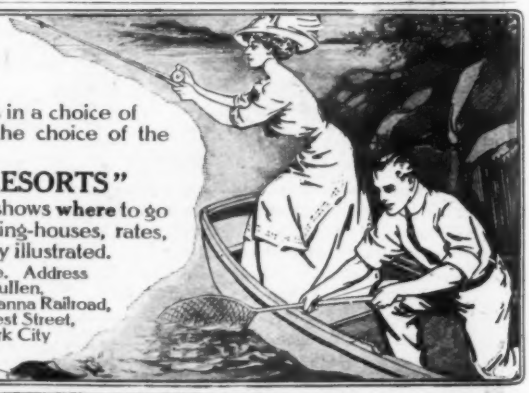
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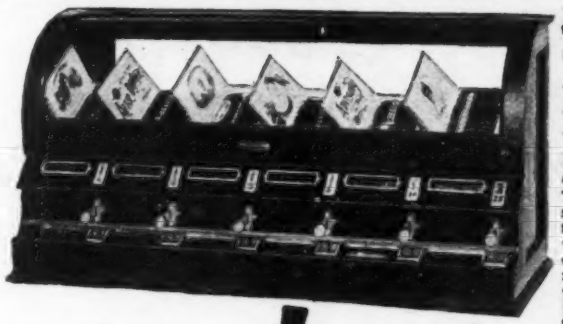
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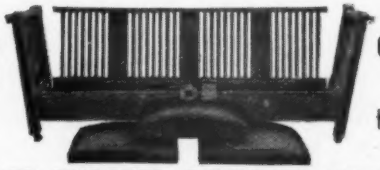
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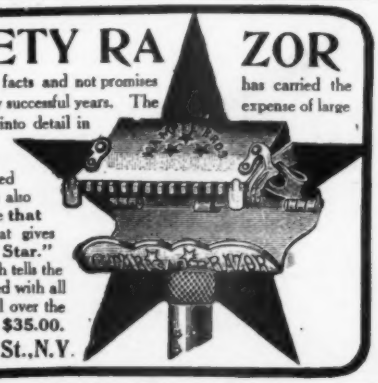
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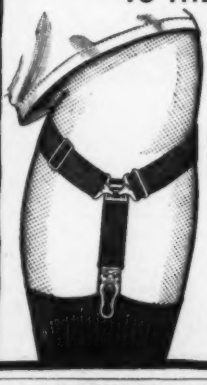
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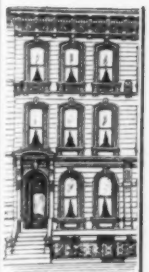
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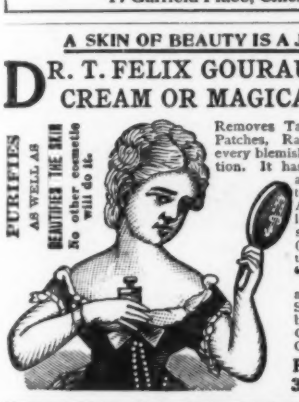
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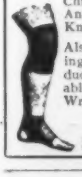
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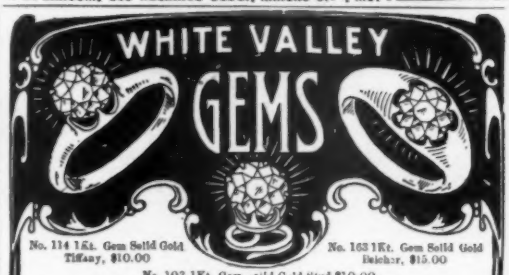
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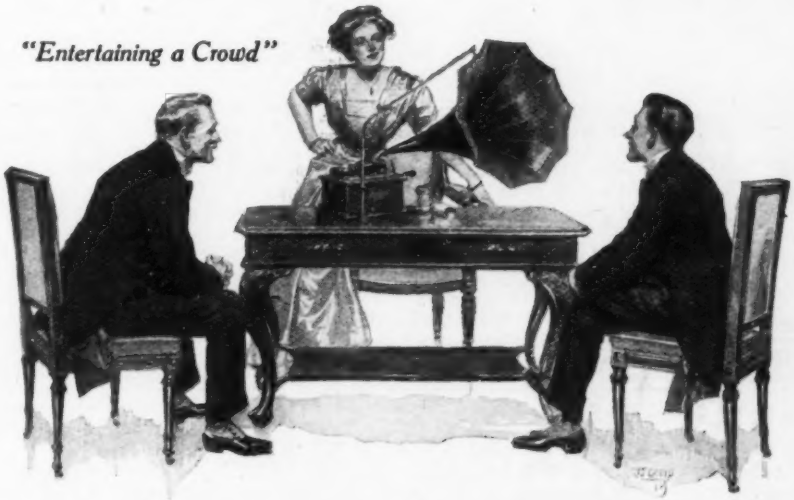
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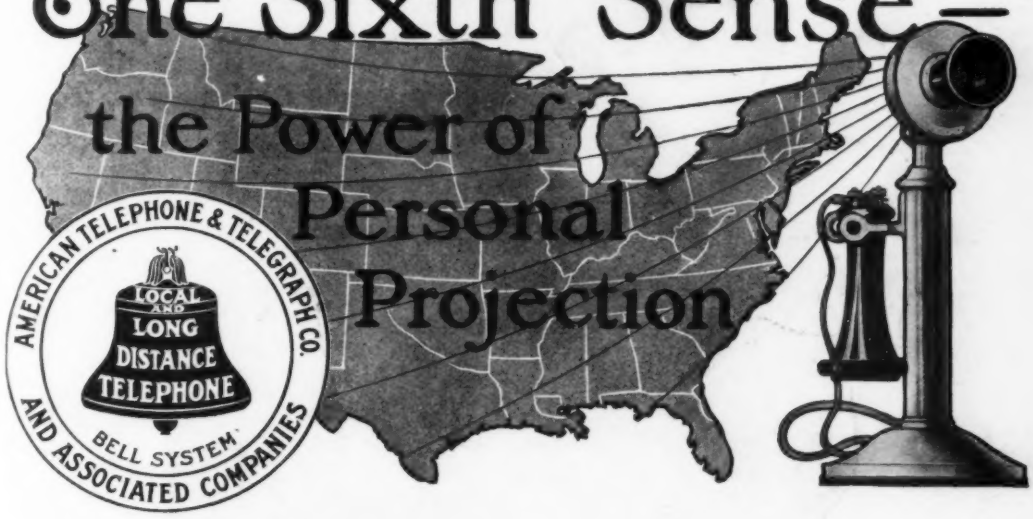
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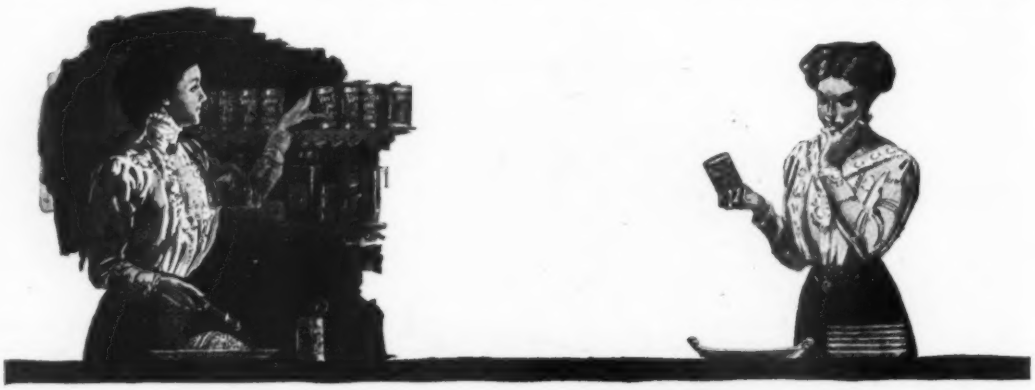
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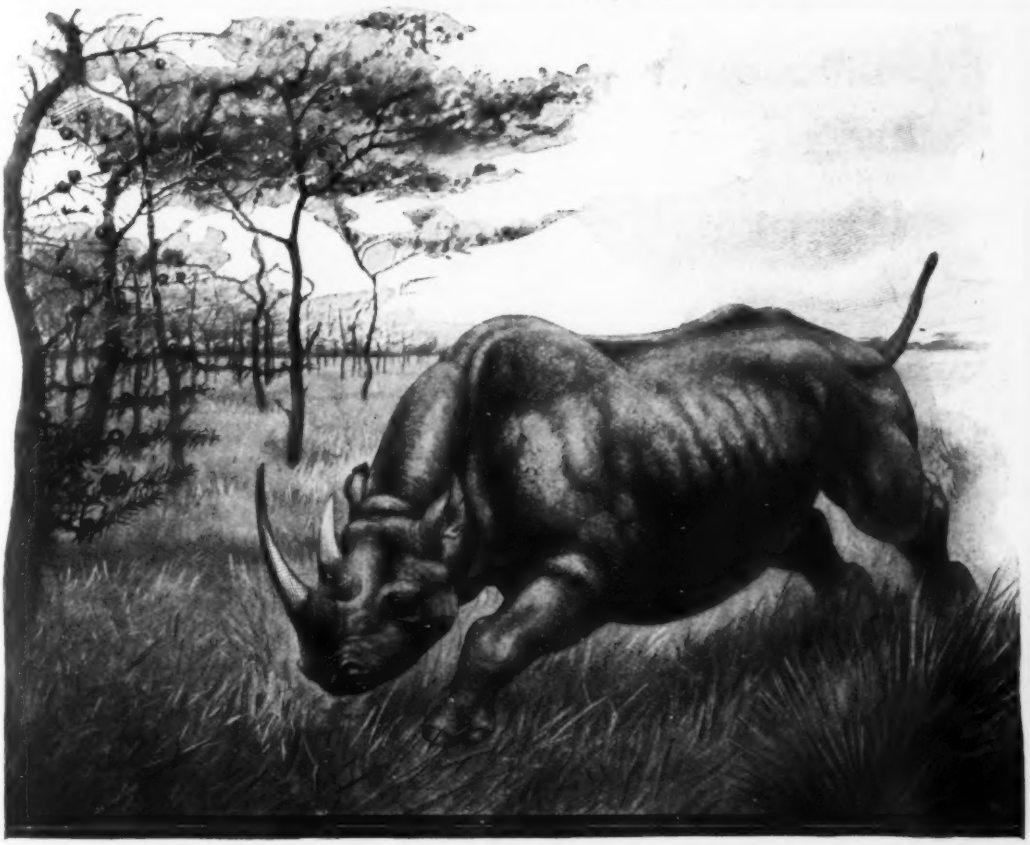
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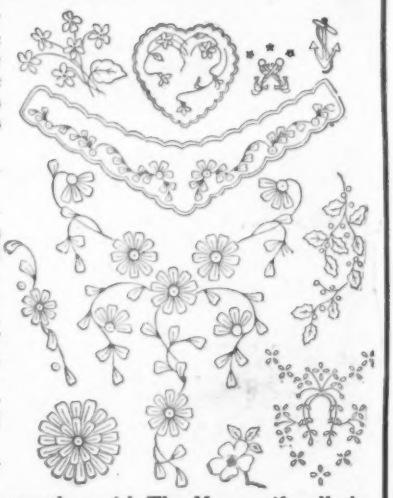
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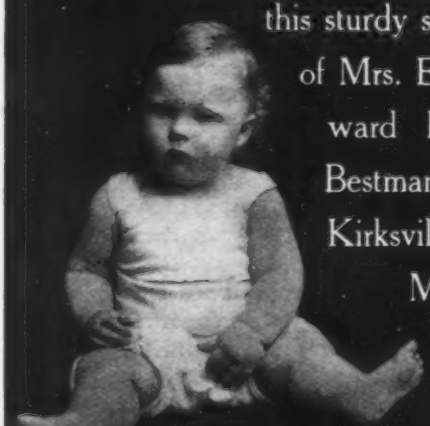
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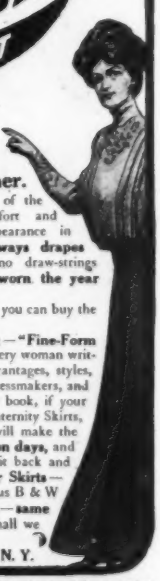
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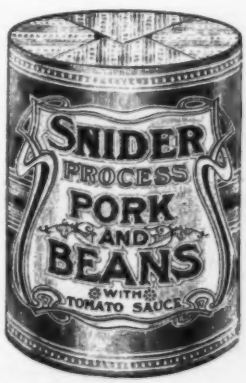
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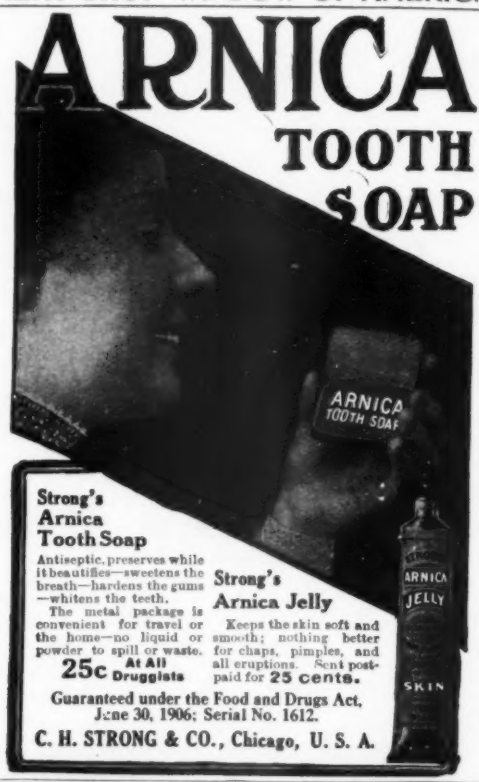
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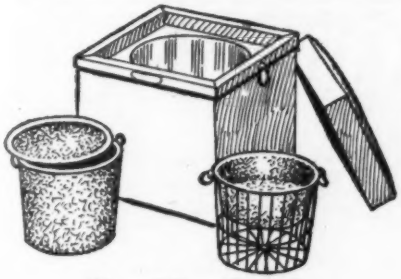
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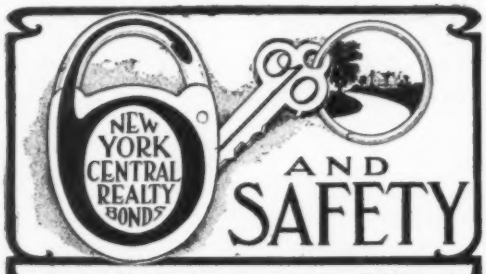
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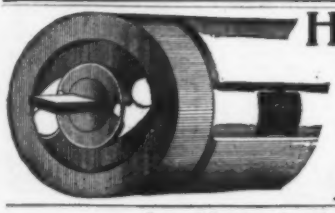
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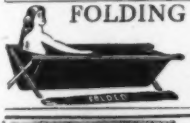


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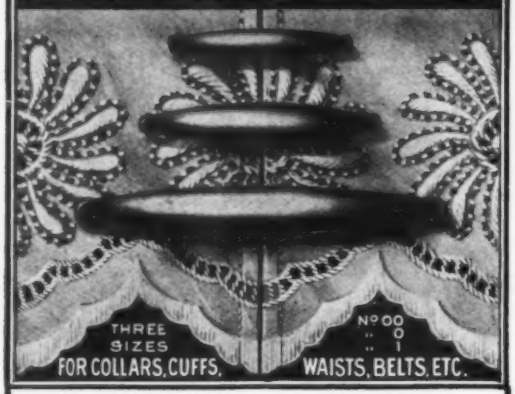
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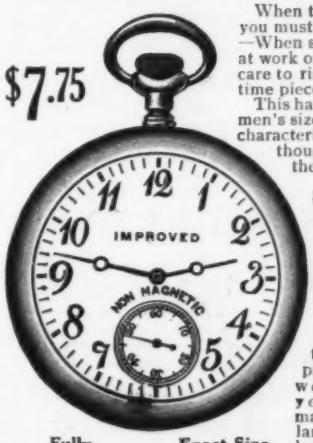
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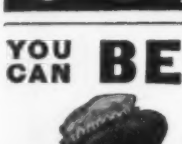




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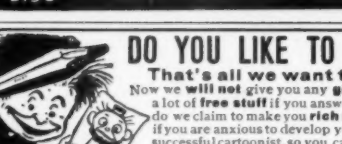
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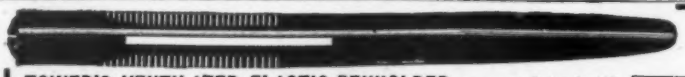
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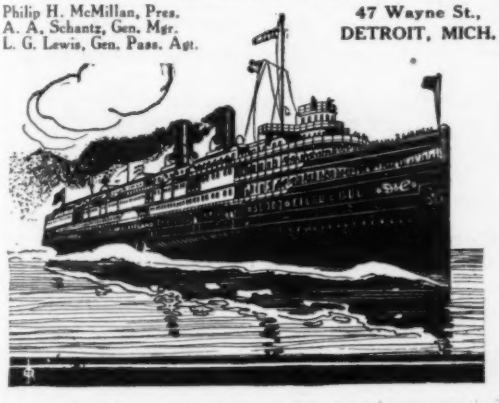
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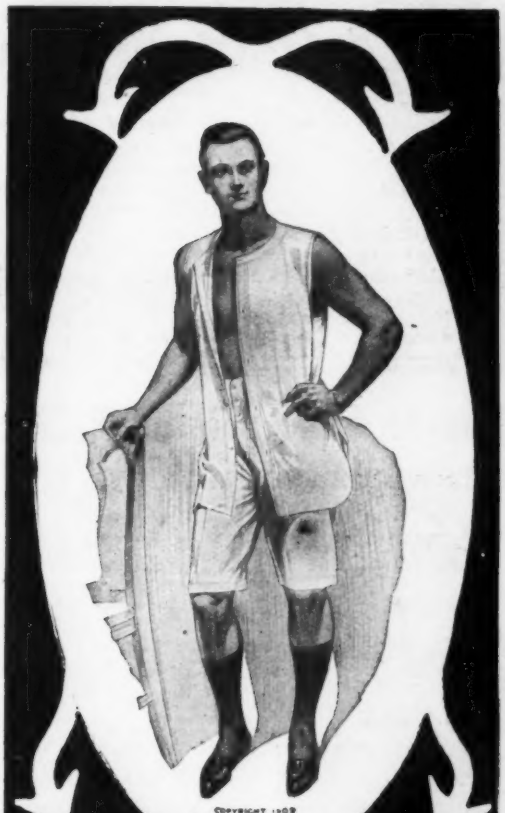
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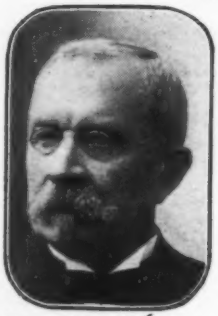
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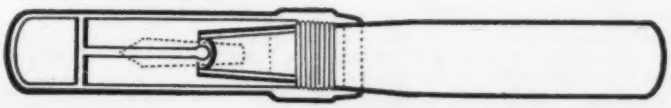
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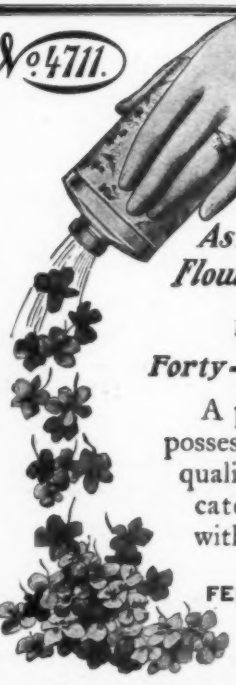
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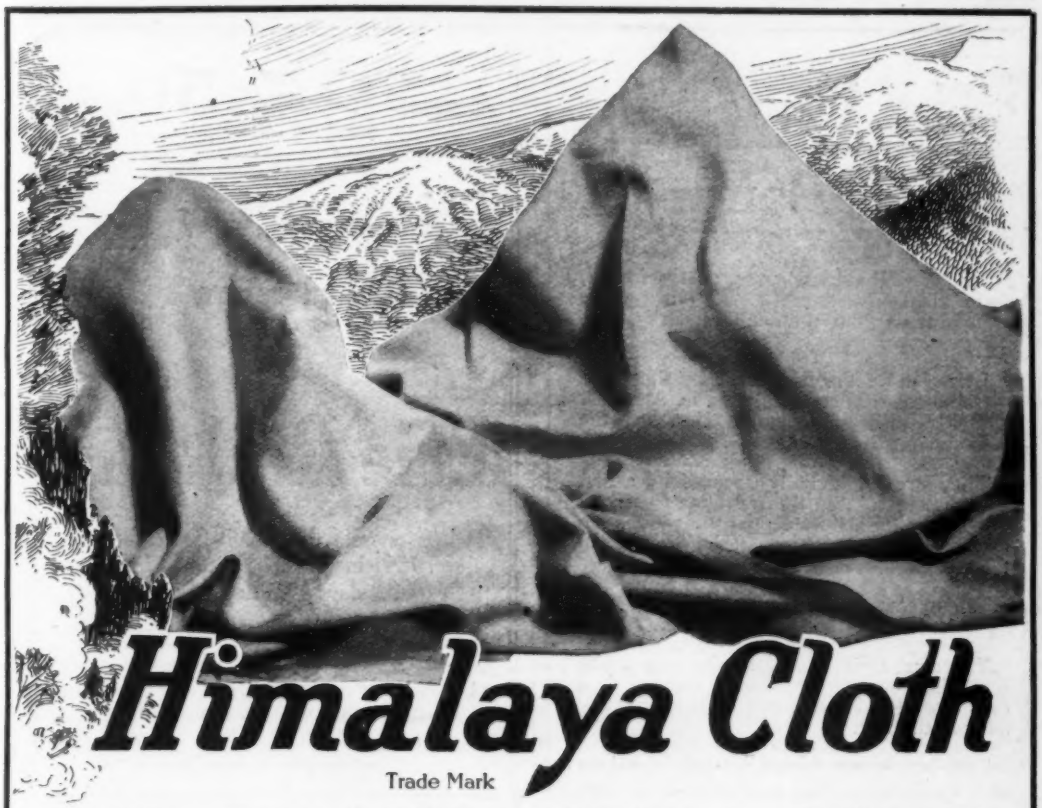
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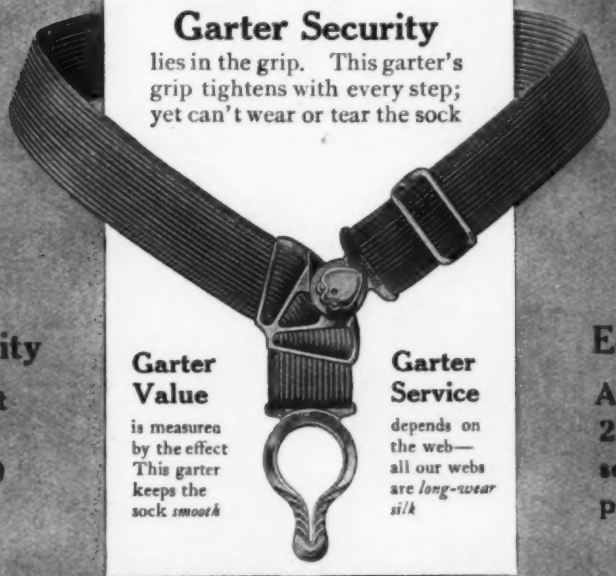
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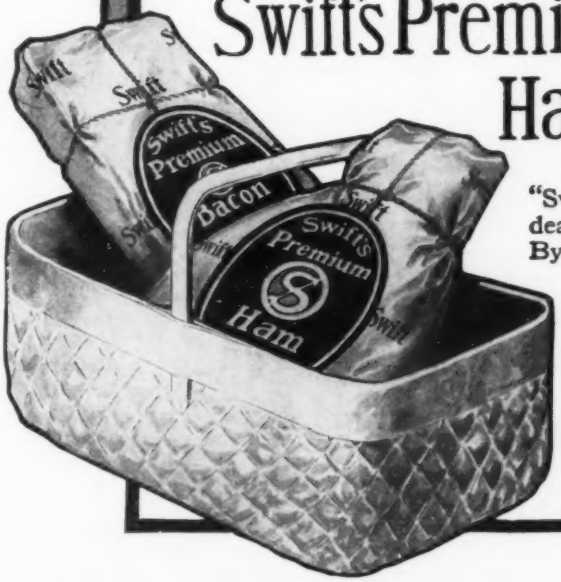
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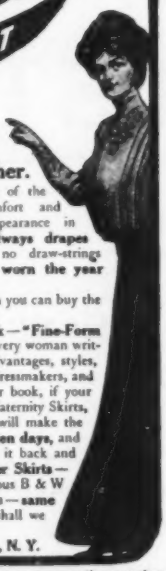
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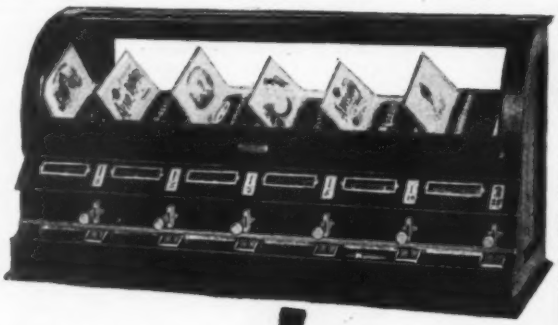
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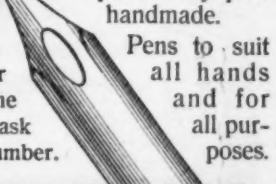
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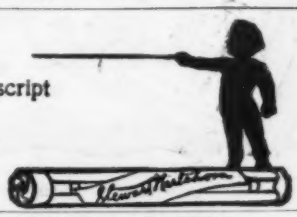


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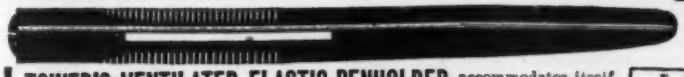
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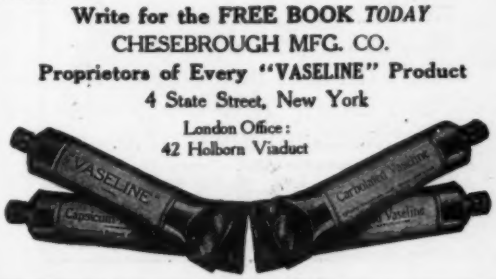
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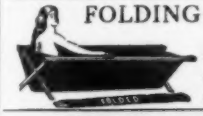
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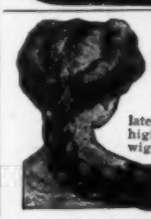
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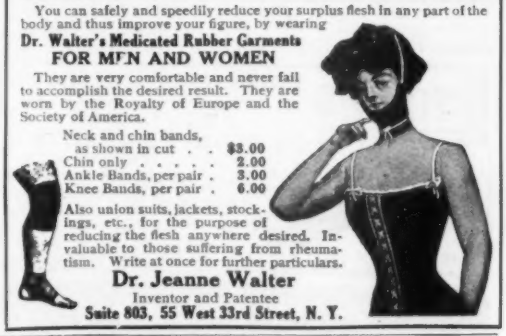
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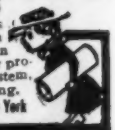
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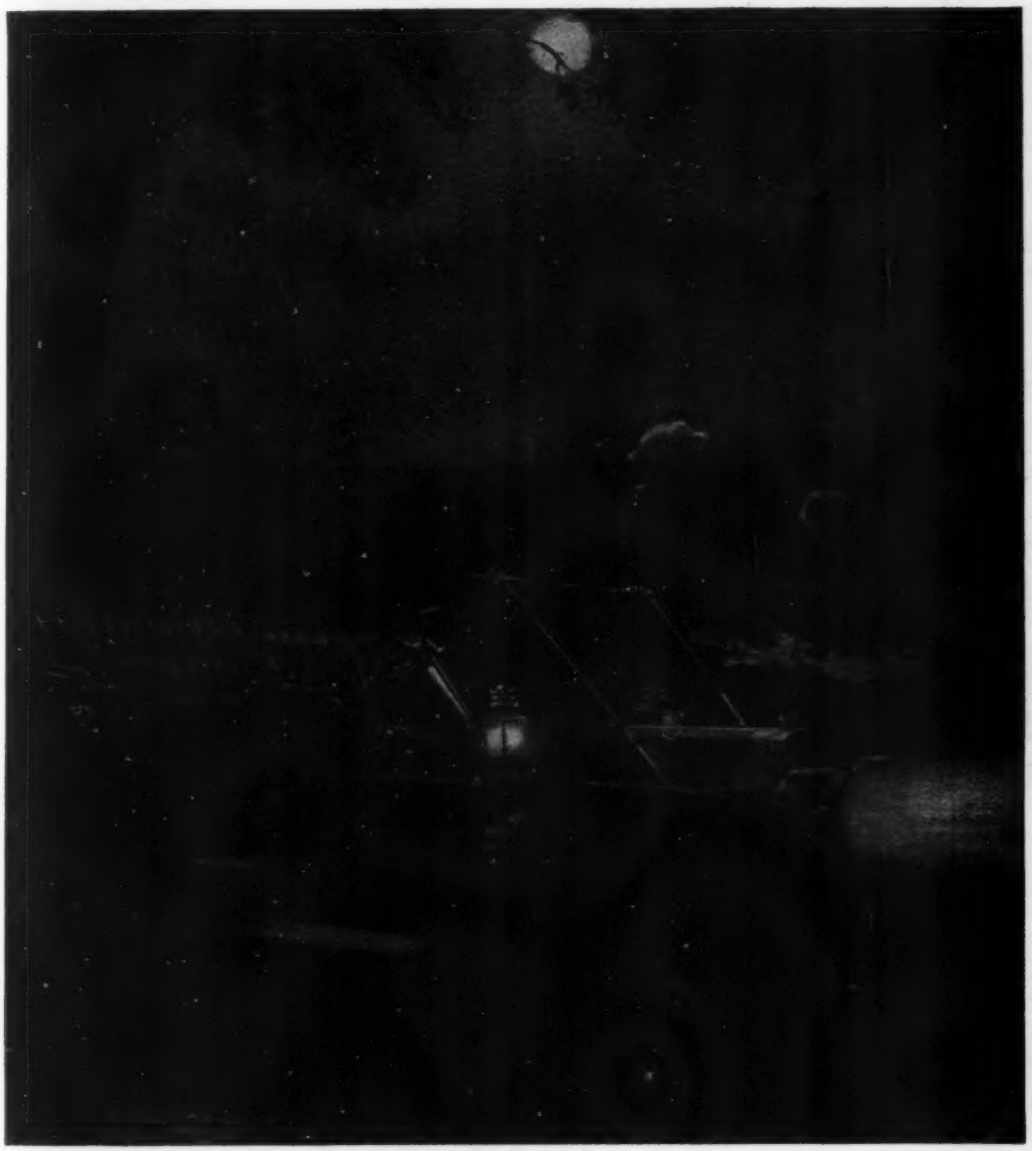
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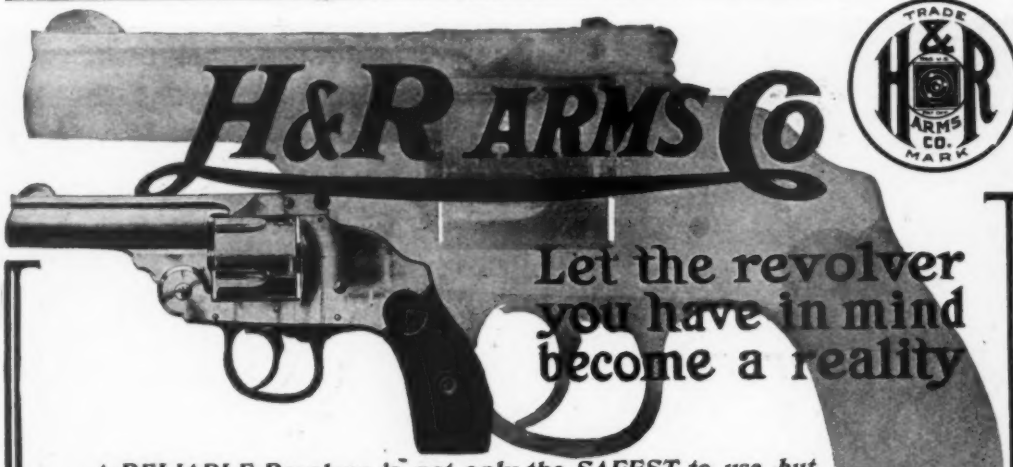


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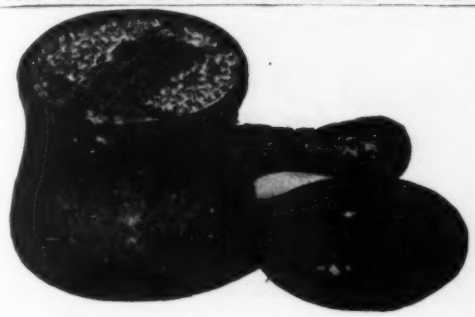
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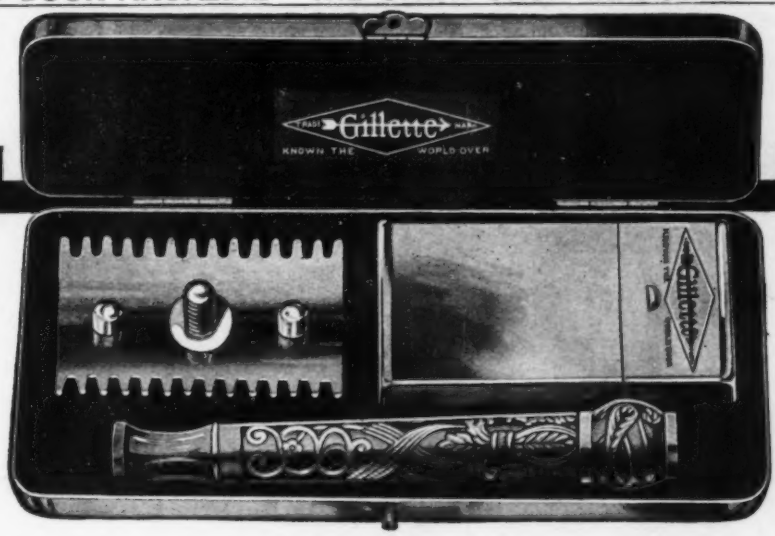
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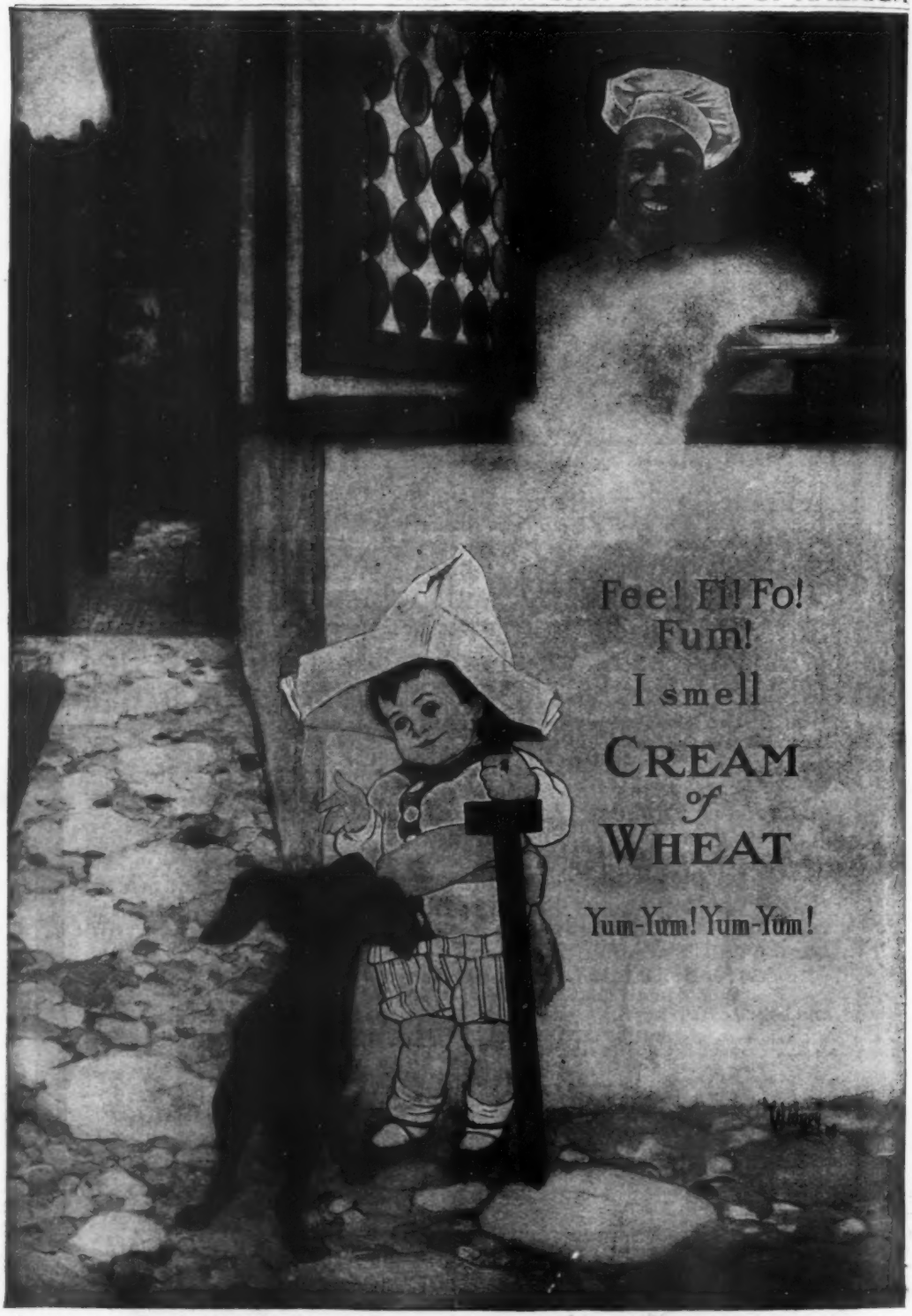
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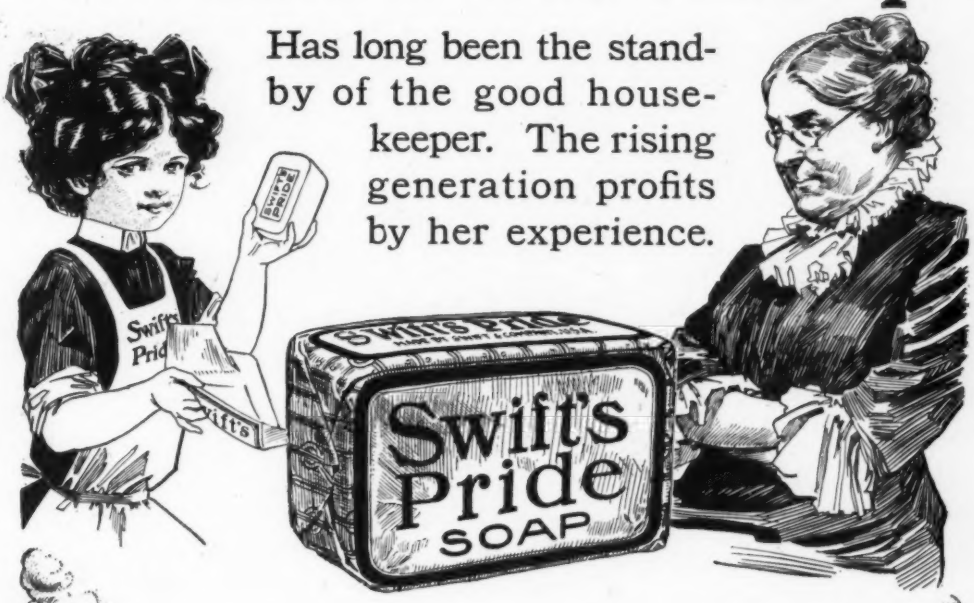




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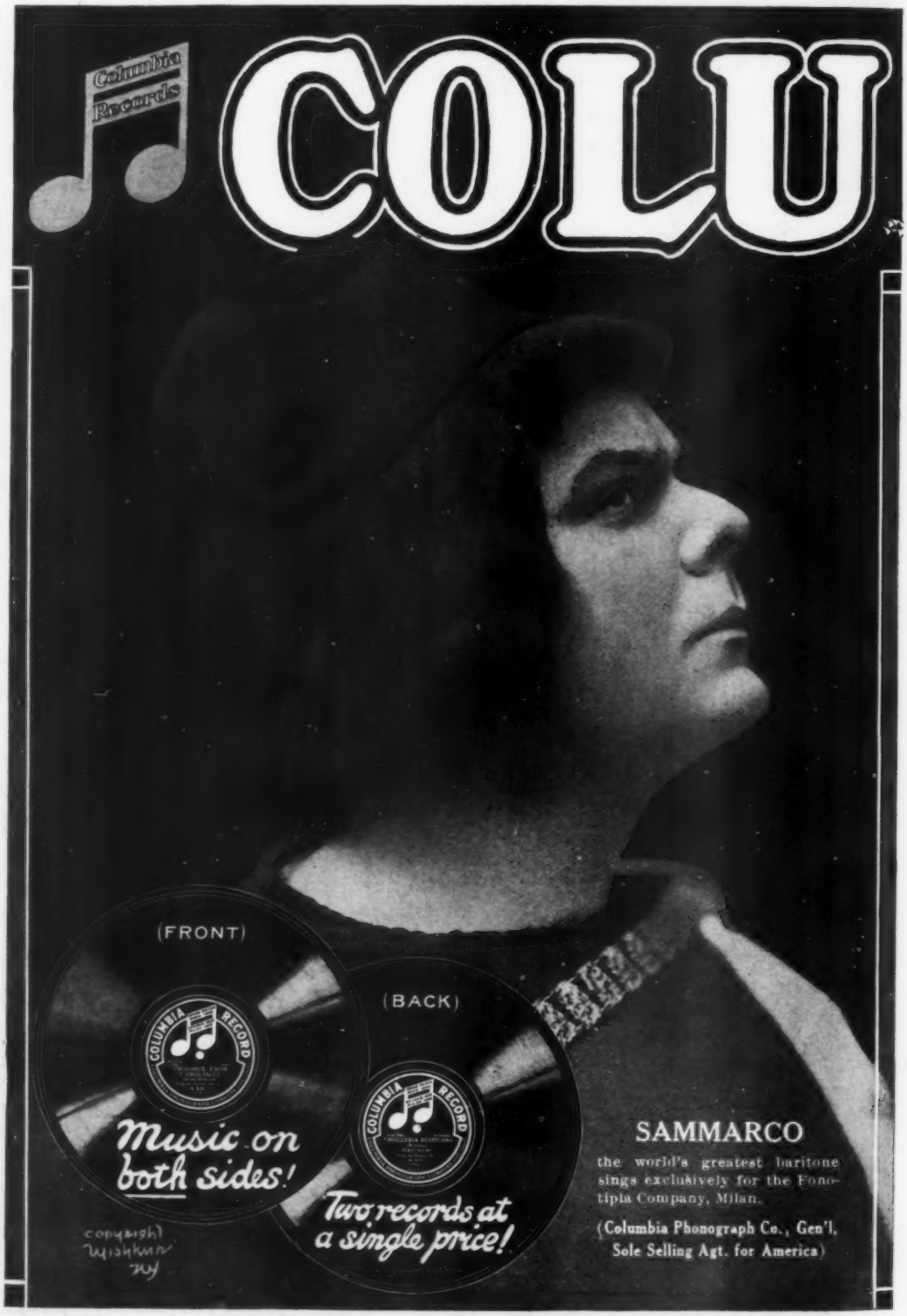
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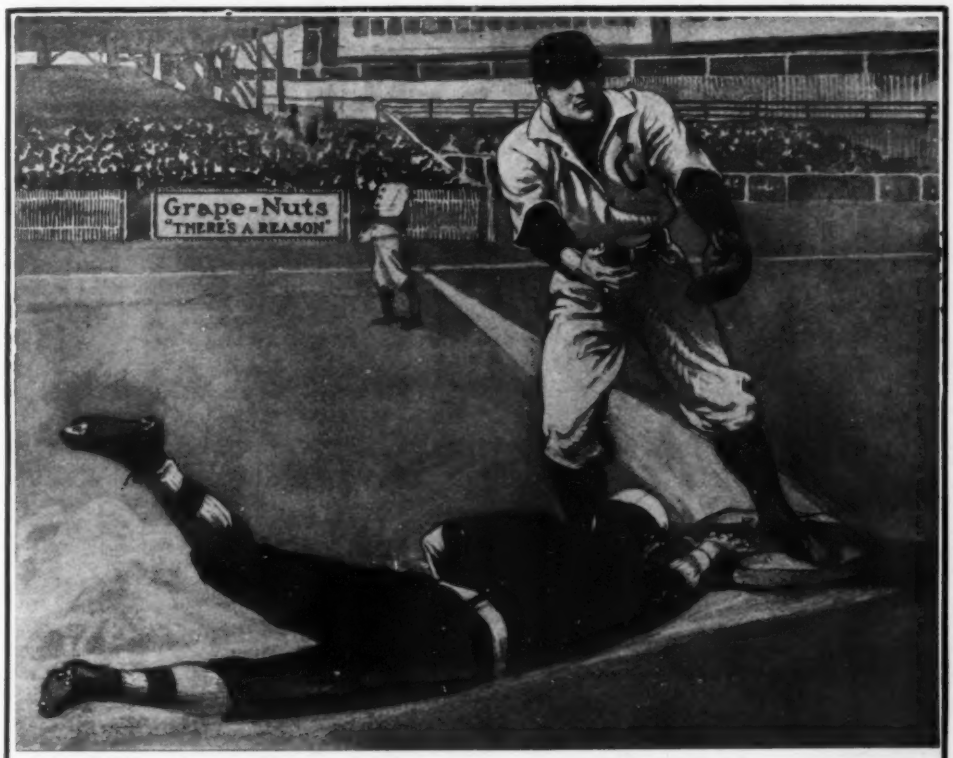
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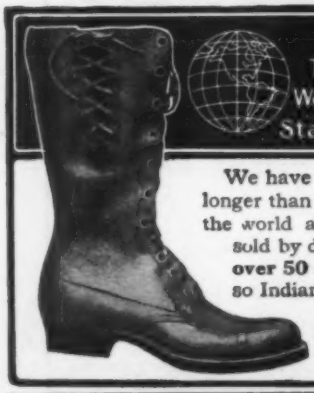
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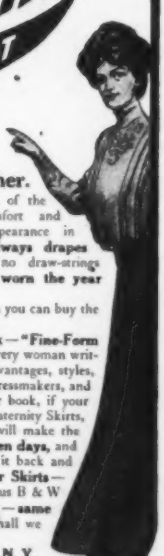
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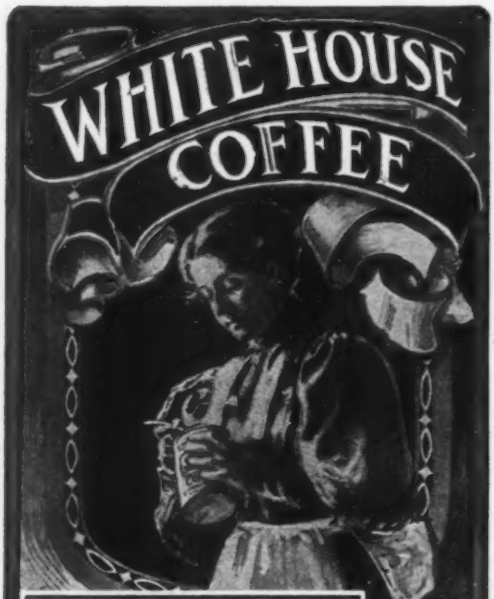
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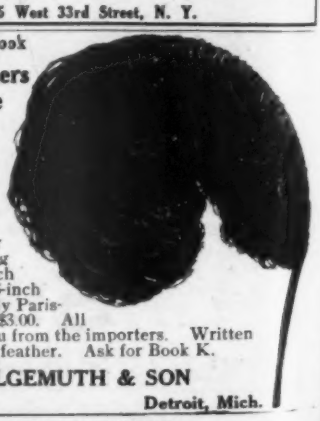


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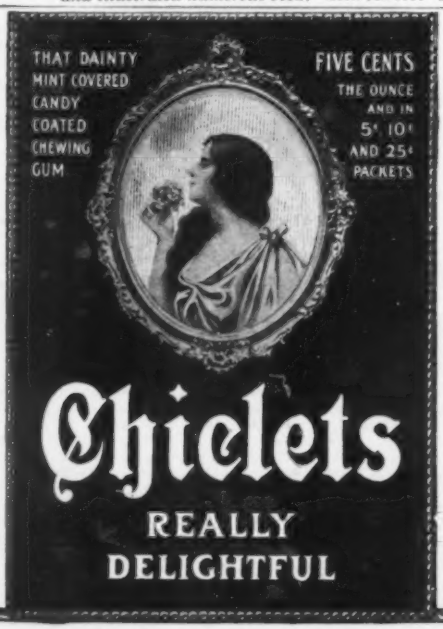
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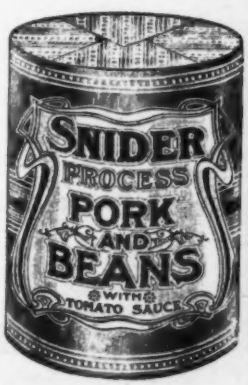
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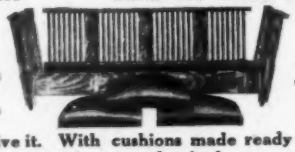
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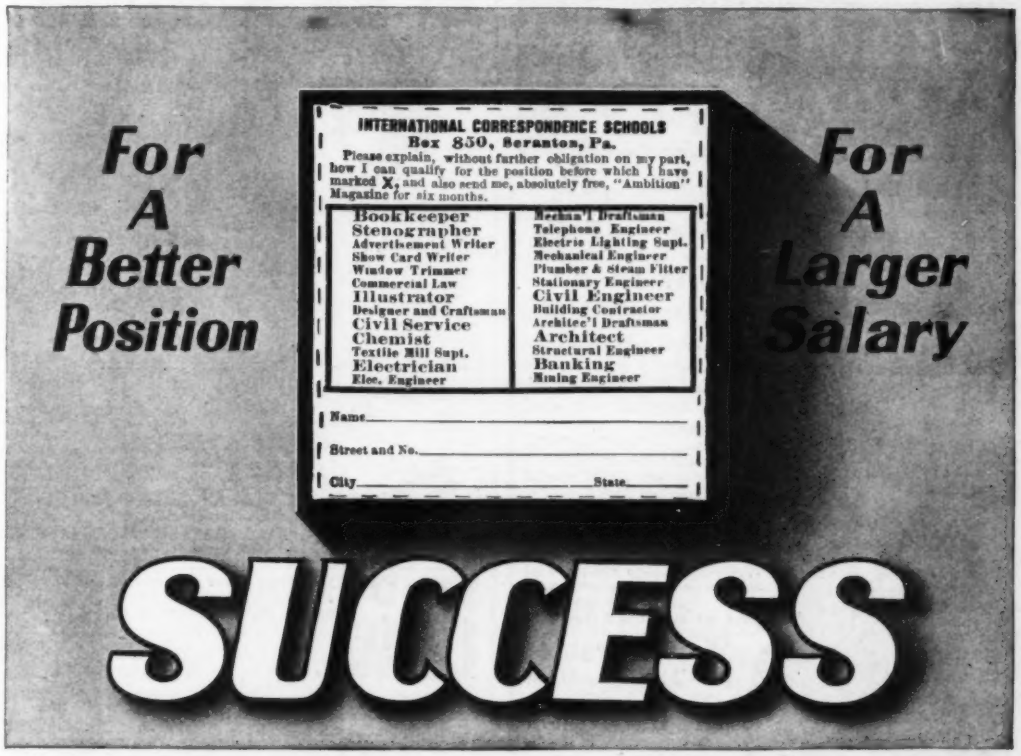
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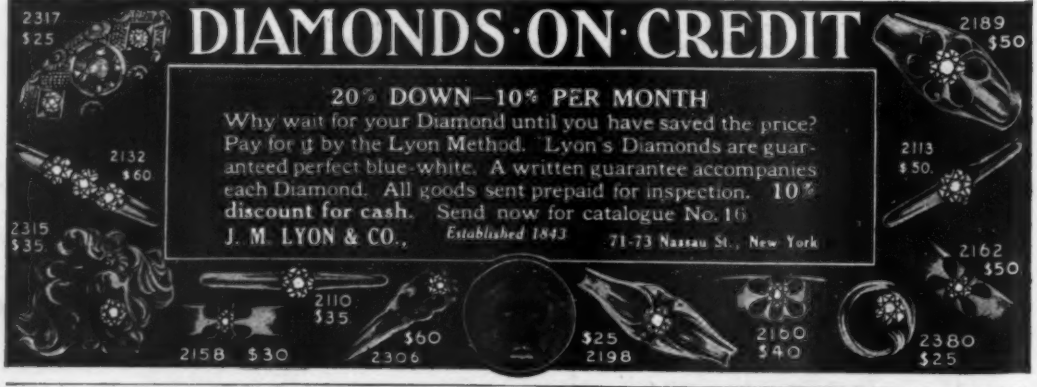
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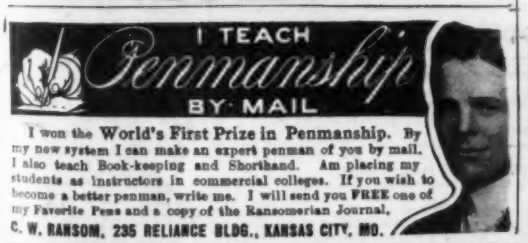
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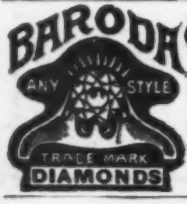
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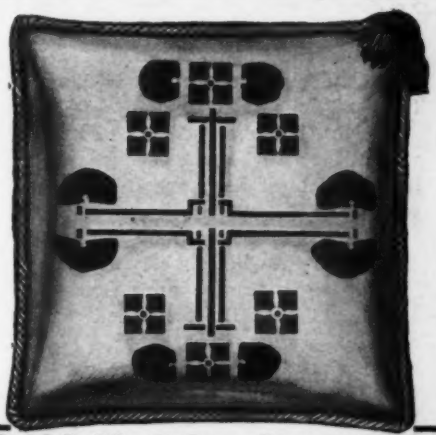
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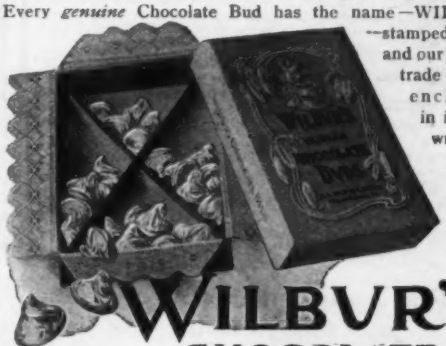
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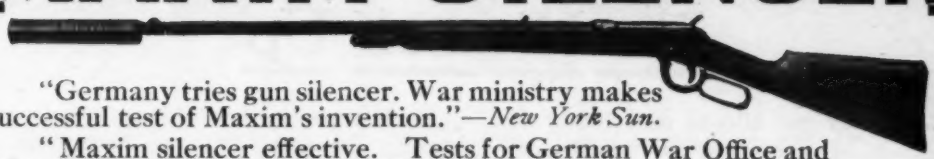
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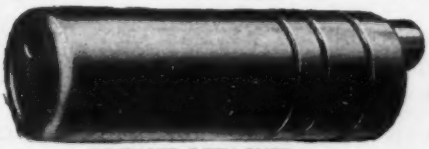


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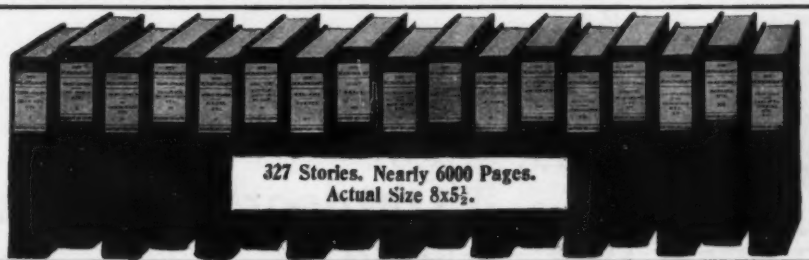
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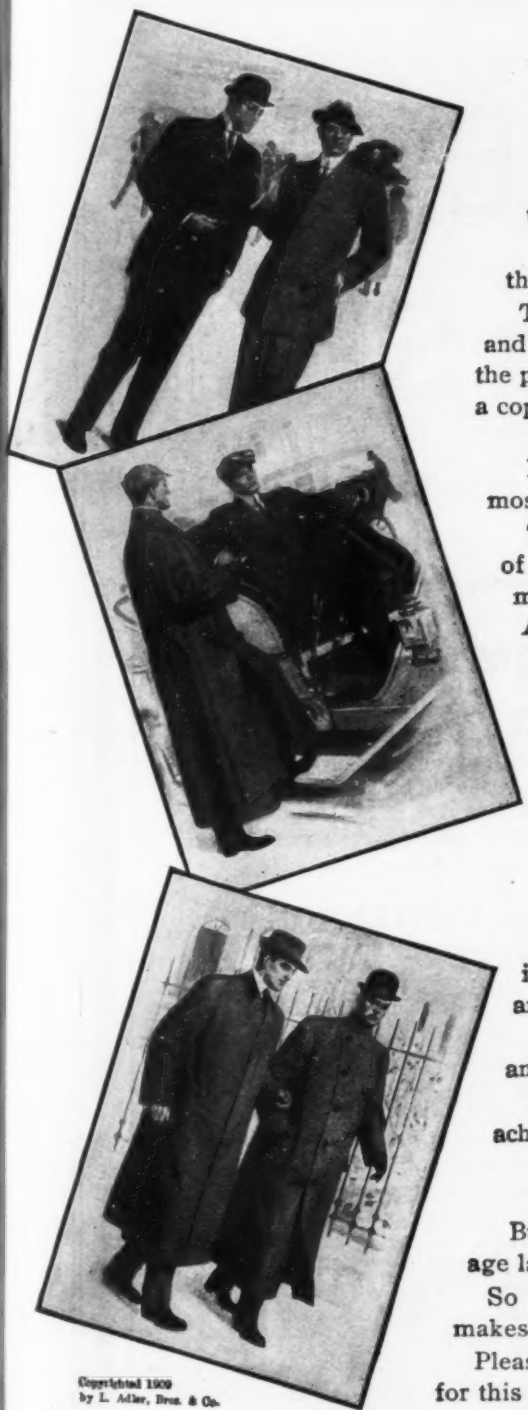
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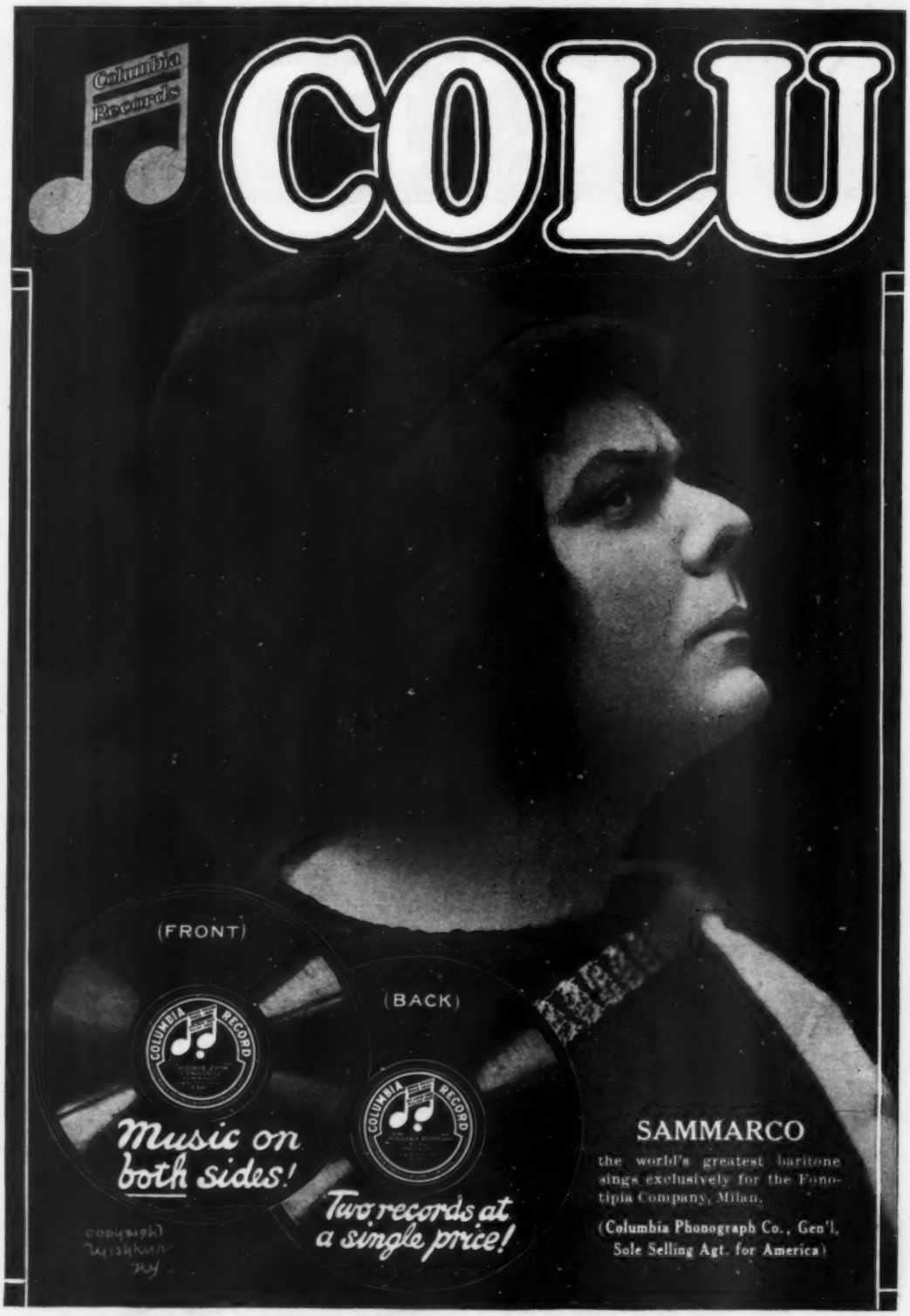
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TENQUIZ, as its name implies, consists of ten questions which a Mysterious Mystifier flings at our readers with a tempting challenge to find the answers. Questions so *interesting* that all will want to know the answers; questions so *funny* that both youngsters and grown-ups will be on edge until they learn whether the laugh's on them or TENQUIZ; questions so *innocent-looking* that every one will say, "why, they're easy," forgetting that appearances are still deceitful.

There's another curious thing about TENQUIZ—it doesn't cost anything to play!

All that the reader of this copy of THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE has to do is to turn to the questions on the second following page and answer them in the coupon on the same page or on a separate sheet of paper.

In addition to this method of sending in the answers, all newsdealers have four-page TENQUIZ folders, which they will hand to any one free for the asking, on which the questions are printed, together with a postcard arranged for convenient reply.

The answers to all of the questions may be found by consulting the reading and advertising pages of this issue of THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE—the only medium through which the $500 cash prizes may be secured.

Everyone can and should play TENQUIZ! It only requires the ability to read, persistence and a little ingenuity. You must use your "thinker"—but only to the same extent as, for example, the wise housewife uses it in making five dollars do the work of six; or, the school-boy or girl in solving a "sticker" in algebra or the business man a hundred different times a day, *not counting the days when he's trying to comprehend the tariff.*

THE ANSWERS ARE ALL HERE in this copy of THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE and they can't possibly escape any reader with determination and good eyesight.

Just to give you a good "send-off," here is the answer to one of the ten questions in this month's TENQUIZ.

QUESTION No. 6—"What curious receptacle did an eccentric old gentleman use to convey a considerable sum of bank notes to his niece?"

ANSWER: *"A Peruvian Mummy"*—see page 1010 of this magazine.

Easy—don't you think? Now that you "know how," try the other nine questions and resolve to be among those persistent thirty-seven between whom we are going to divide $500.00.

No one knows the answers to TENQUIZ excepting the Mysterious Mystifier mentioned; nor is any one in anyway connected with this or any of our publications eligible in this competition.

The ten answers to this month's TENQUIZ are in a sealed envelope in a compartment in one of Chicago's Safety Deposit Vaults, there to remain until October 23rd. At this latter date the envelope will be opened, the answers exposed and the thirty-seven prizes awarded to the thirty-seven persons whose answers most closely meet the simple conditions stated herewith.

TENQUIZ will be played and the cash prizes awarded every month for a while not only that our readers may become expert in the contest but that the *near*-winners of this month may be the *real*-winners of next month.

Tell your friends about TENQUIZ and advise them to ask their newsdealer for a TENQUIZ folder—it's free for the asking. If any newsdealer has been over-looked in this *first* month's distribution, don't scold him—SCOLD US. In sending supplies of TENQUIZ folders to the more than 30,000 dealers now handling THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE it is probable, being human, that we have over-looked a few. In case your friends fail to secure a TENQUIZ folder ask them to use a coupon from the October issue of THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE or a separate sheet of paper for sending in their answers.

Get busy!

If you solve six of the questions, make *some* one in the family help you out with the other four; if you solve nine of the questions and can't find the "teazer," *tell your trouble to everybody*—don't let TENQUIZ strut all over the place telling folks how he beat you.

IT PAYS TO READ THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE—GET BUSY!

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See next page for the Ten Questions.

THE TEN QUESTIONS

Every One Of Which Can Be Answered From The Other Pages Of THIS MAGAZINE

1. Who owns the elephant that wont eat anything but EASTER BONNETS?
2. Where did Col. Jack keep his Secret-service emblem?
3. Name a process that grips each tiny hair?
4. How much money did Elizabeth Deane go shopping with?
5. What are the three ingredients of the soft gray filling of the brain?
6. What curious receptacle did an eccentric old gentleman use to convey a considerable sum of bank notes to his niece?
7. What is it that 3,000,000 men do every morning?
8. Who is the cleverest woman spy in the world?
9. What delicious natural food should never be placed in direct contact with ice, because of change in color and loss in flavor?
10. What kind of hens LAID THE EGGS which a Little Brown Girl broke?

HOW TO SEND YOUR ANSWERS

Write an answer to each of the ten questions in the proper blank in the coupon below—detach at dotted line (or use a separate sheet of paper) if you prefer and mail before midnight of October 22nd in an envelope addressed to THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE, CHICAGO, ILL.

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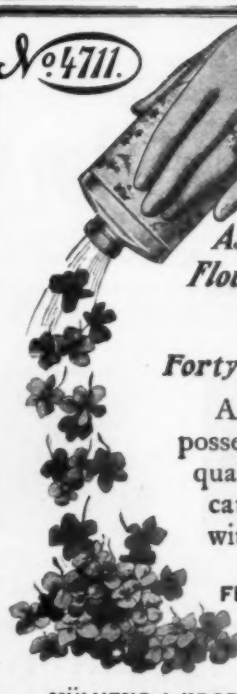
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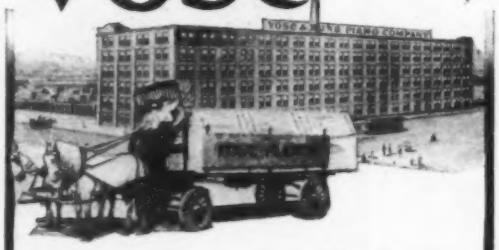
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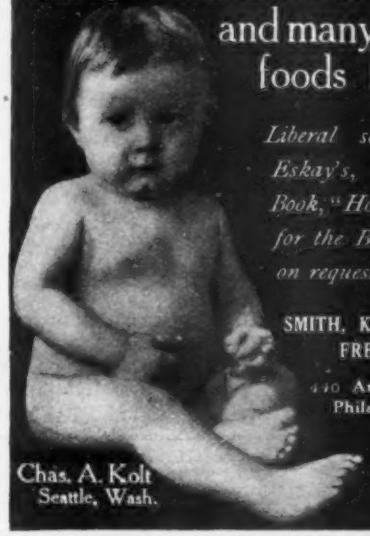
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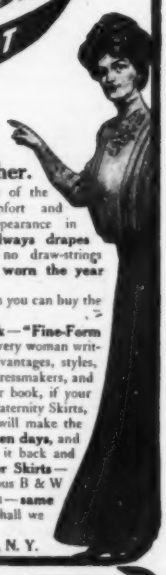


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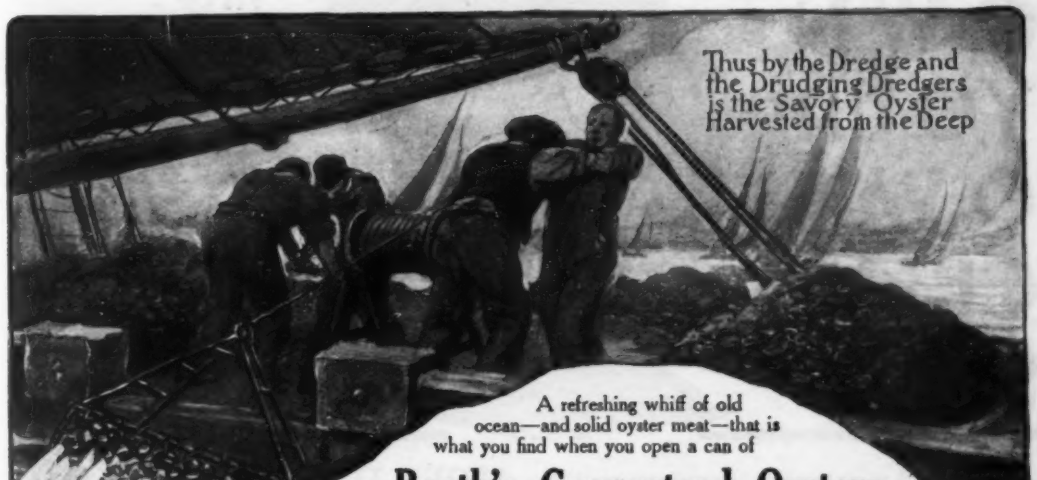
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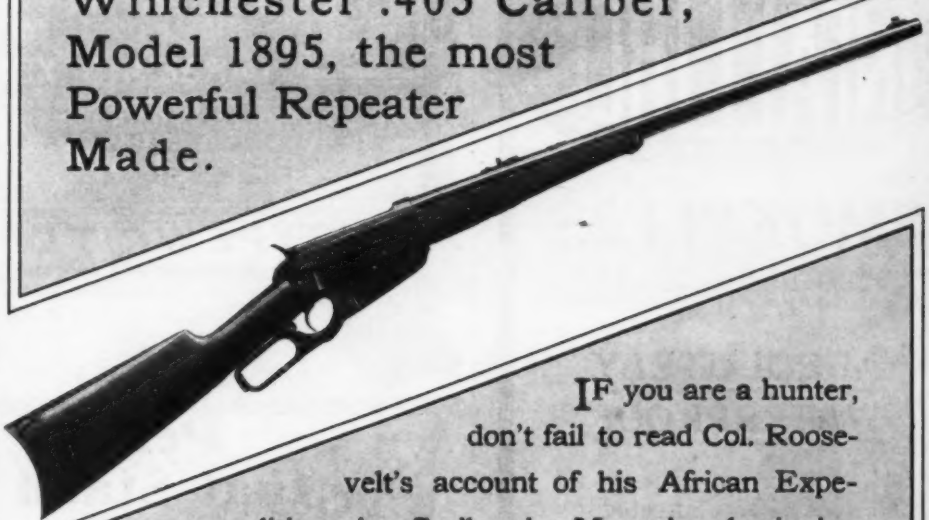
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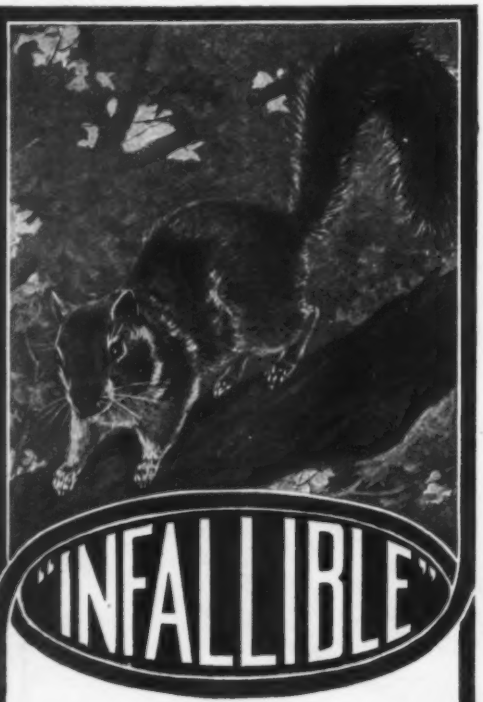
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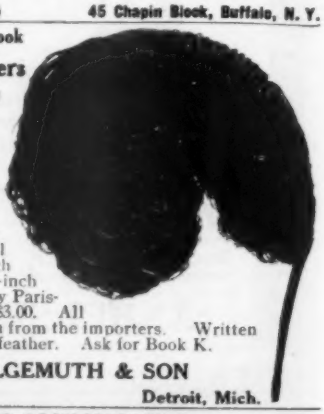
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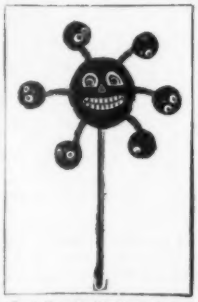
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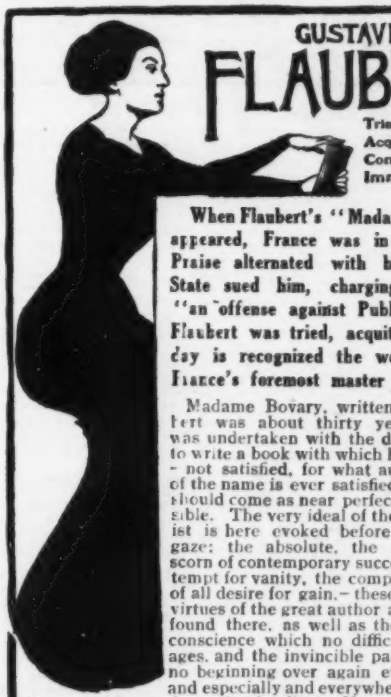
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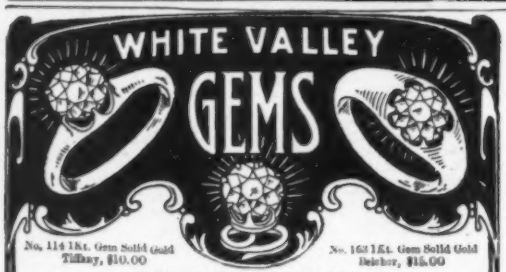
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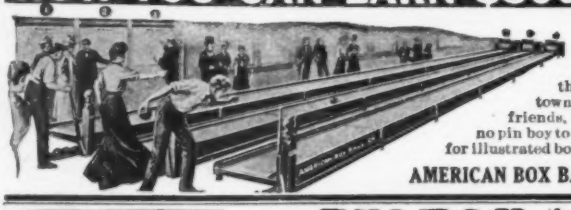
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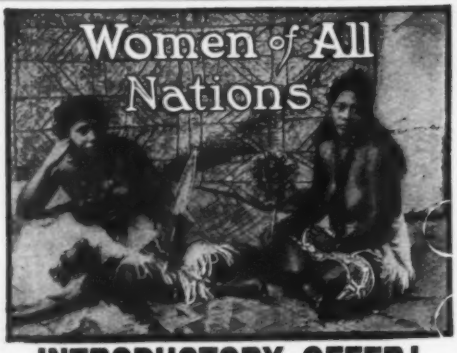
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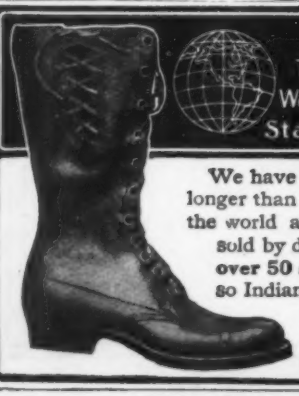
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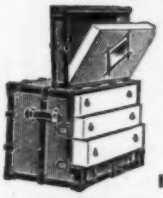


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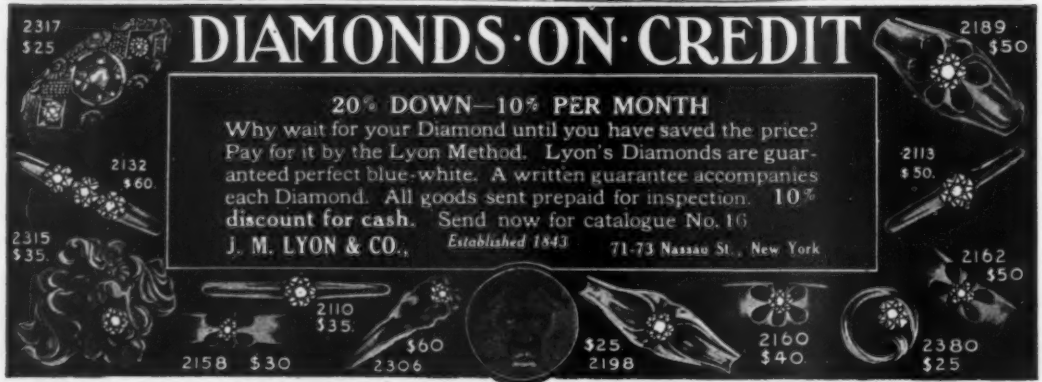
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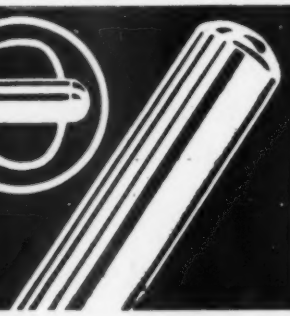
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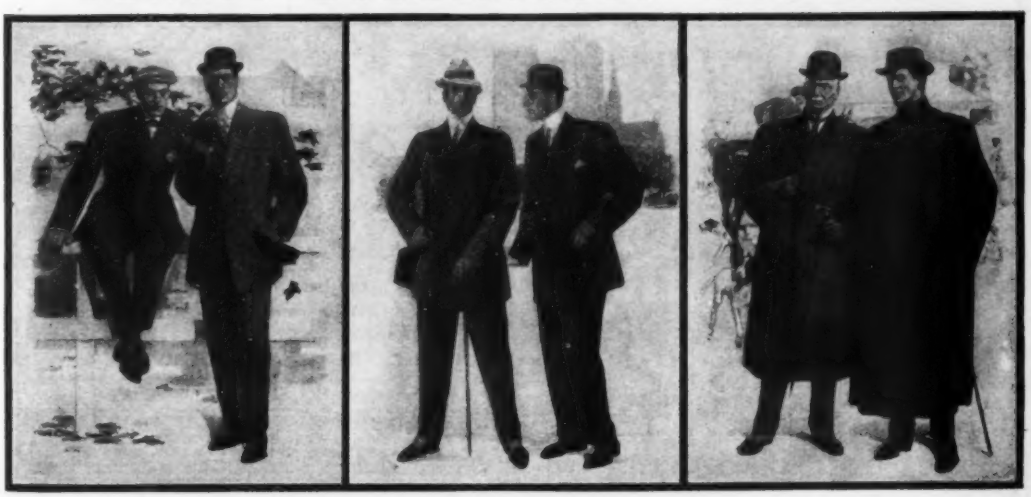
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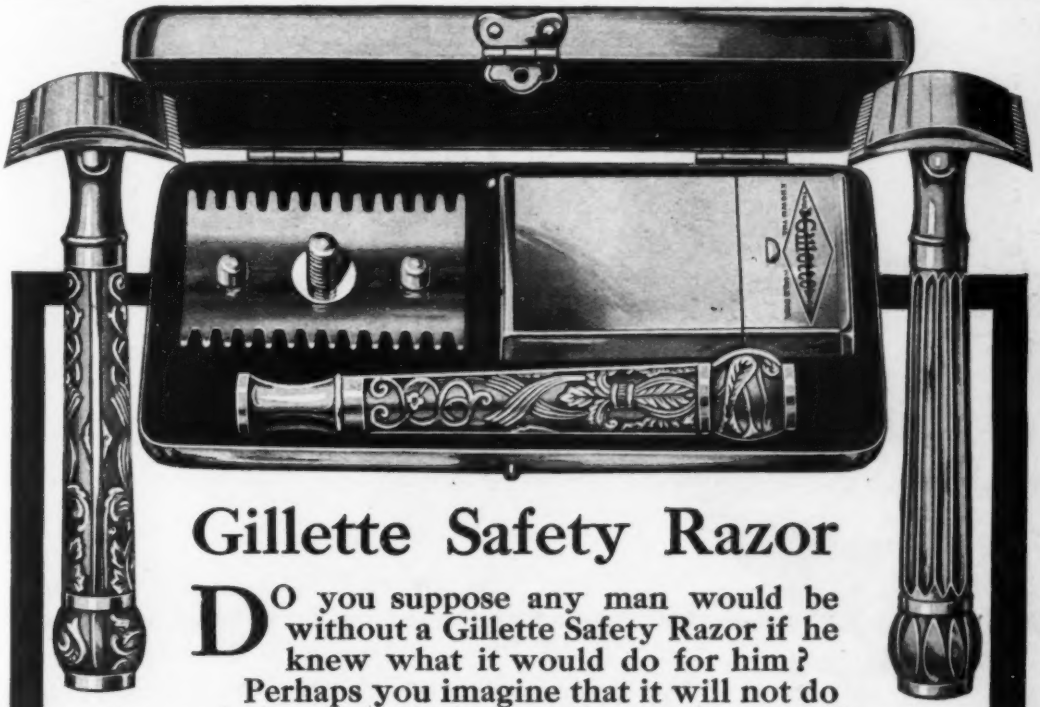
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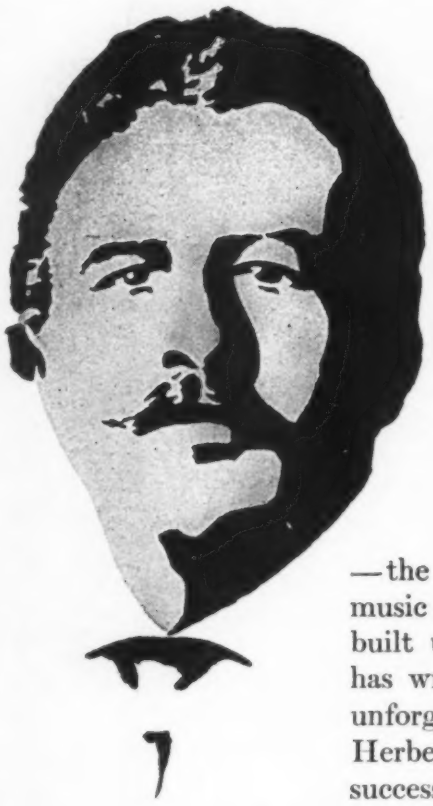
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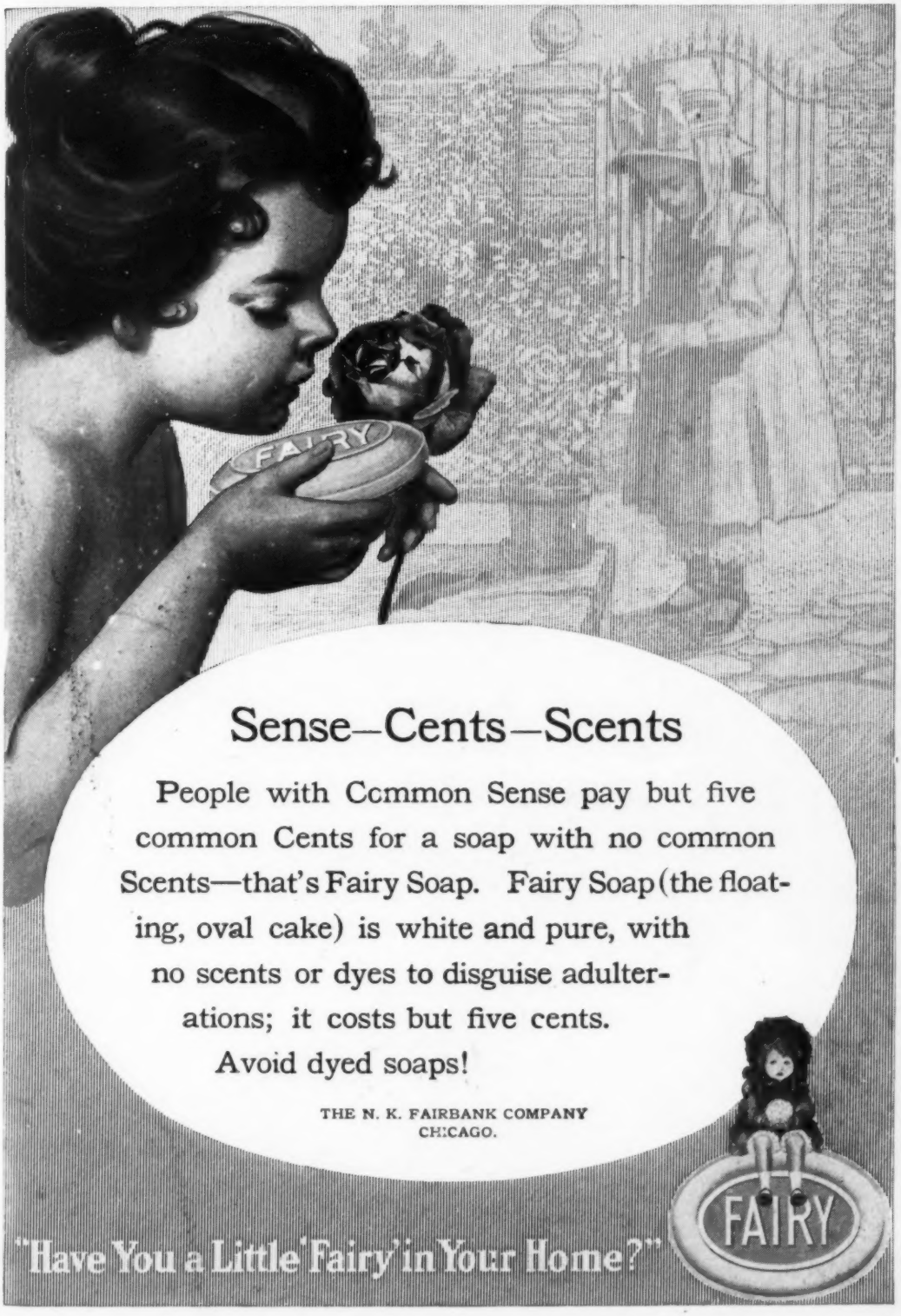


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